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NEWSLETTER 4 – Thursday the 7th of October

Dear Parents,

Well what a week it has been! With trips out, parents' evening, talent shows, Ofsted inspectors visiting, not to mention the children still continuing to work hard right up until half term!

Can I begin by thanking all those members of our community, parents, governors, staff and most importantly the children who took the time to speak to the HMI (His Majesty's Inspector) and the OI (Ofsted Inspector) to give their views on our school. Both inspectors thank you all for your time, your welcoming approach and your efforts in this. As you will probably understand I cannot go into specific grades etc yet until the full inspection report is published, which will be in about a month's time after the quality assurance procedure. Suffice to say it was a very robust and rigorous process and I look forward to sharing the report with you all then.

In other news, you, the school council, (and us!) will be pleased to know I that I have obtained a Joint Match Funded grant totalling just over £10000 to renovate the school's toilets. This work was due to take place over the half term, however I have just been informed by Derbyshire County Council that this will now have to be postponed to later in the year due to staffing issues. Therefore, I have authorised a deep clean and some renovation work in the meantime to tide the school over until then, DCC apologise for any inconvenience caused. Also in building news, the astro-turf fencing will also be installed over the coming months, more news on that to follow soon.

I am sure you would like to join me in paying testament to my staff for all their efforts over this first half term of the school year. They really do go the extra mile. This can be seen by how well the children are settled, focused and enjoying school. From organising Harvest Services, extra trips and clubs, to running parents' evenings through an inspection and still keeping an exciting learning experience for the children, they continue to impress me with all their passion and hard work and I am very lucky to lead such a strong term.

All that is left for me to do is to wish you all a relaxing half term and I will greet the children back on Monday the 31st of October.

Best Wishes

Mr Bertram

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I thought I would remind everyone of the school's core values in developing our children to where they are going to be at the age of 25:

Resilience

Compassion

Trust

Entrepreneurial spirit

Environmentally aware

Keeping Safe

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Respect

Thankfulness

Friendship

Autumn Term Dates-

September

26th Theme- Respect

29th Year 1/2 (Horse Chestnut Class) Trip Out

October

3rd Theme- Trust

10th Theme- Thankfulness

11th Little Conkers Autumn Walk

12th Chapel High School Football Tournament- Year 6 Boys, Year 5/6 Girls

13th October Harvest Festival 9:30am at the Church (max two adults per child)

17th Theme- Keeping Safe

17th Parents' Evening Week- This will be a Hybrid event between online or face to face depending on your diaries

18th Little Conkers Talent Show

19th Sycamore Class (Year 3/4) trip to the Silk Museum

21st Inset Day (children not in)

24th Half Term

31st Theme- Environmentally Aware

November

2nd Individual and siblings photos

7th Theme- Thankfulness

10th PTA AGM

11th Remembrance Service 9:30am

14th Theme- Resilience

21st Theme- Friendship

28th Theme- Respect

December

1st Flu Vaccinations

2nd Christmas Tree Lighting

5th Theme- Entrepreneurial Spirit

5th Year 6 choir at Lyme Park

7th EYFS Nativity 9:30am

7th Year 1/2 Nativity 1:30pm

12th Theme- Compassion

13th Key Stage 2 Carol Service- 6pm

14th Little Conkers Walk to Whaley Bridge

15th Pantomime- Sleeping Beauty- Whole School Trip

19th Theme- Keeping Safe

What to do if you've tested positive for COVID-19

If you have COVID-19, you can pass on the virus to other people for up to 10 days from when your infection starts. Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days.

You should:

- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days
- avoiding meeting [people at higher risk from COVID-19](#) for 10 days, especially if their immune system means they're at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19, even if they've had a COVID-19 vaccine

This starts from the day after you did the test.

If a child or young person aged 18 or under tests positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days. This starts from the day after they did the test.

Children and young people tend to be infectious to others for less time than adults. If they're well and do not have a temperature after 3 days, there's a much lower risk that they'll pass on COVID-19 to others.

If you are feeling unwell and do not test positive or test negative for COVID-19

If you do not feel well enough to go to work and do your normal activities, you should:

- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people
- avoid meeting [people at higher risk from COVID-19](#), especially if their immune system means they're at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19, even if they've had a COVID-19 vaccine

You can go back to your normal activities if you:

- feel well enough to do so
- do not have a high temperature

You can find [separate guidance for children and young people aged 18 or under on GOV.UK](#).

When to seek medical advice

Go to 111.nhs.uk, call 111 or call your GP surgery if:

- you're worried about your symptoms
- your symptoms get worse

In an emergency, go to A&E immediately or call 999.

Basically, if your child does take a test and its positive, get them to stay at home for 3 days, if they are running a high temperature and don't send them in until the temperature has dropped as this will help insulate the staff at school and keep our classes open.

SAFEGUARDING is very important to us as a school. The Designated Lead at the School is Mr Bertram if you have any concerns about a child in our area please don't hesitate to contact him for advice. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

I have also located a useful one stop shop of mental health support sights if anyone should require the need. [Mental health resources for children, students, parents, carers and school/college staff - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

As you are no doubt probably aware there has already been a spike in the number of illness in some of our local schools. I will you up to date with the latest government advice from Public Health England with regards to Coronavirus. I have listed below the current expectations from government with regards to protocols on prevention and school attendance should your child come down with symptoms, there are also useful links should you require more information, you can see these below:

