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NEWSLETTER 2 – Friday 23rd September

Dear Parents,

Just to give you a COVID update. We have had a couple of positive cases within our school community. We have followed the NHS advice and the school has initiated a deep clean. I please ask that parents remain vigilant to the symptoms of Coronavirus. The latest advice is at the end of this newsletter. Basically, in a nutshell - if your child does take a test and it is positive, get them to stay at home for 3 days. If they are running a high temperature, don't send them in until the temperature has dropped as this will help insulate the staff at school and keep our classes open. I am sure you will join me in wishing affected members of our school community a very swift recovery.

With regards to school communication, could I ask that all queries that affect your child go to the school office? I understand the benefits of social media, WhatsApp groups etc. and where they are very useful as a parental support method, however, they may lead to misconceptions on certain issues and incorrect information being given.

The children have been very busy and it has been great for the children to take part in school trips again. We have arranged trips for the next few terms and to help with your budgeting, we will ask for a contribution of around £20 per trip, averaging one a term (but this may vary). We are also very lucky to have other parents and school partners who sponsor some our school trips, so thank you to them... you know who you are! I have also negotiated with Robin Wood and have arranged to keep the Year 5/6 residential trip costing down compared to last year's figure of around £290 and it is now booked for next April 2023. If anyone wants to discuss any of this please don't hesitate to contact me. The children are very lucky to have such an immersive curriculum and it is paramount to the development of deep knowledge and skills. The feedback I always get from the sites visited was that the children really enjoyed their learning experiences and their behaviour was exemplary. Thank you to the staff for all their efforts in making such an experiential curriculum.

Our recent Peer to Peer review highlighted what a brilliant curriculum the children have at Buxworth and how well the children engage at school. This could not be done without the support you give your children at home with regards to Reading, Times Tables, Spellings etc. As you know I treat education as a partnership between school and home so on behalf of all of my staff thank you at home for all your efforts.

Autumn Term Dates-

September

26th Theme - Respect

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

October

3rd Theme - Trust

10th Theme - Thankfulness

13th October Harvest Festival 9:30am at the Church

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

24th Half Term

31st Theme- Environmentally Aware

November

2nd – Individual School Photos

7th Theme - Thankfulness

11th Remembrance Service 9:30am

14th Theme - Resilience

21st Theme - Friendship

28th Theme - Respect

December

1st Flu Vaccinations

5th Theme - Entrepreneurial Spirit

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

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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

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 COVID cases 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:

There is now no legal obligation to wear a mask at the school grounds as previous, however if you feel the need to wear one, please do and please respect other people's right to do so.

Here is a link to when you have to self-isolate from the NHS

[When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

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.

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Full guidance can be found here-

[What to do if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) or symptoms of COVID-19 - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Best Wishes

Mr Bertram

