

Newsletter

Friday 28th January 2022

Well the sun is shining as I write this and the blue sky is helping us get through a challenging week in terms of covid cases. We hope that those families who have been affected (including our staff) are not too ill and are able to be back with us soon. Although there have been staff challenges we have managed to keep everything running smoothly for the children who always enjoy a change of teacher even if it has had to be me!

A MESSAGE FROM GAIL BROWN CEO

From Thursday, the wearing of face coverings is no longer mandatory as per national government directive. However, public health teams report that the highest incidence rate of Covid-19 in Yorkshire and the Humber is in primary age children

In order to try and maintain staffing levels, to keep as many children in school as possible, we are therefore adopting the same commonsense approach as many other schools by recommending that face coverings continue to be used by all staff and visitors in all communal areas inside all our buildings.

Face coverings do limit the spread of infection and for the time being, we encourage staff and parents/carers to use them at our schools.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

During the pandemic we operated a staggered start to the school day. From Monday 31st January we will be returning to a prompt 8.50am start. All children will line up in classes in the playground and be escorted inside by their teachers. This will include the children in FS2.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Remember Thursday is our special menu day. Here is what is yet to come

Date	Theme
3rd February	Chinese Sweet & sour chicken with mixed vegetables Vegetable stir fry Ice-cream & banana square
10th February	Indian Chicken korma, carrots & peas Bombay potatoes, carrots & peas Fruit salad & cream
17th February	Italian Day Italian Pasta & Meatballs with salad Cheese & tomato pizza with salad Gelato for pudding

SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

Unfortunately our pool is still not ready to be used, so the start of swimming lessons will be delayed until the week commencing 7th February when Year 3 and 4 will be the first to use the pool in some time! These year groups will then swim until the Easter Holidays. This is of course dependent on us having enough volunteers to support the sessions. We need at least five volunteers to run the sessions on either a Tuesday or Thursday morning or afternoon. Please consider helping us, it would be fabulous to get our lessons up and running again. Contact the school office if you would like further information, support and an induction will be given to all those interested.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Following a discussion with some parents and a review of our current clubs we are hoping to develop further our after school activity offer. We have a strong offer of sports and music but would like to add other interests. If you have contacts or would like to share your skills and interest with a group of children in school we would love to hear from you. Perhaps you are an avid knitter or sewer and would like to have a group of children at the end of school one night a week that would be amazing! If you are interested please send an email to the admin team and we will be in touch to discuss it further.

SCHOOL WEBSITE UPDATES

One of our aims this year is to develop our website so we will be keeping you up to date with additions and changes. Here is our first update

MAIN MENU	DROP DOWN SECTION	INFORMATION
PARENTS	SCHOOL MEALS	Menus, price, ordering meal link, allergy information
TEACHING AND LEARNING	OUR WHOLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM	Curriculum maps for each year group so you can see what the focus is for your child's class.
TEACHING AND LEARNING	CURRICULUM ↓ PHONIC	Our approach to teaching Phonics. Progression of phonics- what we teach and in which order. Little Wandle support for parents- link to the website.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We hope that you and your family stay well.

Best wishes

Donna Bedford