



Dear Parents and Carers

Reporting absences due to Covid

The Covid reporting and isolation rules have recently changed. If you do regularly check your children on a lateral flow test, you will know that it may be positive even though your child has shown no symptoms. If this is the case, please ensure your child self-isolates in line with the current government guidelines.

If your child does test positive on a lateral flow test, we require the following from you:

- a picture of the lateral flow test
- a copy of the email you receive after reporting the result to

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Children can now leave isolation earlier than 10 days. The day of the positive test is day 0. On day 5 you can begin taking Lateral Flow Tests again. If your child tests negative on two consecutive days (e.g. day 5 and day 6) they can return to school on the day of the second negative test. These negative results must be 24 hours apart. If your child is still testing positive, they will need to remain in isolation until they have 2 consecutive negative tests at least 24 hours apart, or until they have isolated for 10 days.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held virtually on Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 February. The system will be open shortly for you to book appointments. A separate letter will be sent with booking details.

Each slot will be 10 minutes apart. Please do log on and check the system first, making sure that you allow the site to use your microphone and camera, to ensure that you can make the most of this opportunity.

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is on Tuesday 1 February. On this day, the children will learn about how Chinese New Year is celebrated in their classes and take part in different related activities throughout the day.

Children are welcome to come to school in traditional Chinese attire or any clothes and outfits that they wear for a celebration.

Diary Dates

Friday 28 January – Beehive assembly 1.30pm

Tuesday 1 February – Chinese New Year celebration day

Thursday 3 Feb – 4pm Y4 Virtual times table meeting

Thursday 3 Feb – 5pm Y2 virtual meeting

Friday 4 February – Bosworth assembly 9.30am

Monday 7 February and Tuesday 8 February – Parents evening – virtual

Friday 11 February – Children's Mental Health Day non-uniform

Friday 11 February – Oakwood assembly 9.30am

Monday 14 – Friday 18 February – Half term





Children's Mental Health week this year is Monday 7 – Friday 11 February. There will be activities in class throughout the week and on Friday 11 February children will be able to attend in non-uniform for a donation of £1. All donations will go to a local Leicestershire mental health charity called Raising Health.

The theme for this non-uniform day is 'This is Me'. We ask that children come dressed in clothes they feel represent their personality or that they feel the most comfortable in. These clothes should be appropriate for the weather and children should wear suitable footwear so that they can enjoy playtimes safely.



Scholastic Book Fair

We are pleased to be able to hold a Book Fair this year. The Book Fair will be with us at the start of February. More information regarding this will follow shortly.

Attendance Award

This week the class with the highest attendance in KS1 is **Bramblewood**.



The class with the highest attendance in KS2 is **Watership Down**.

Congratulations to these classes. Attendance is so important and children who have been in school have made the most progress. We know that children do get ill and this can't be helped, especially with current rates of Covid infections across the UK. Please do continue to ensure that all non-urgent appointments are out of school hours.

Books of the week – Scotland



Burns Night is annually celebrated in Scotland on or around January 25. It commemorates the life of the poet Robert Burns, who was born on January 25, 1759. The day also celebrates Burns' contribution to Scottish culture. His best-known work is Auld Lang Syne, which you might recognise as the song many people sing on New Years Eve.

Reading is a brilliant way to explore other places and cultures. These books are all set in Scotland, our Northern neighbour, a country full of beautiful mountains and lakes.

- *Aarti and the Blue Gods* by Jasbinder Bilan (9+)
- *A Kind of Spark* by Elle McNicoll (9+)
- *Eagle Warrior* by Gill Lewis (9+)
- *Little Bird Lands* by Karen McCrombie (9+)
- *Adventures on Trains: The Highland Falcon Thief* by M. G. Leonard and Sam Sedgman (8+)
- *The Legend of the Loch Ness Lilo: You, Me and Thing* by Karen McCombie (6+)

