

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back after the half term break! We are now entering the longest, coldest and darkest time of the year and we need to ensure that we are keeping ourselves healthy, both physically and mentally. Please be super vigilant around your child and monitor any coughs, sore throats or high temperatures. If your child is displaying any of these symptoms, you MUST keep them off school and go for a PCR test to see if they have Covid. If a close family contact has Covid and your child has been exposed to them and they start to show symptoms, you must follow the same procedure and book a PCR test. We have been keeping our school relatively Covid free so far this academic year through our twice weekly testing regime and temperature taking. We will not hesitate to introduce more stringent measures such as mandatory mask wearing if we see an increase in cases.

To commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3rd June, the government has provided an additional Bank Holiday this academic year. As the Bank Holiday falls in the summer half term, the DfE has allowed schools to reduce the school year by one day, using the Education(School day and School Year) (England) Regulations therefore reducing the pupil contact days from 190 to 189. We have decided to take this day in December and we are now required to amend our published term dates. School will now finish for the Christmas break on Thursday 16th December at 1pm.

We are also changing our published INSET days this term due to urgent ICT work that needs to be conducted. This is not a problem of our own making but has been caused by our ICT support provider. We are therefore moving the INSET day from Friday 3rd December to Friday 19th November. School will be closed to pupils on this day.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Campbell
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

8th November: Global Entrepreneurship Week

11th November: World Kindness Day

15th November: Anti-Bullying Week

19th November: PTA Meeting



Achievements of the week

Attendance Awards (week beginning 18th of October):

A huge congratulations to Malala who has topped the league table with an amazing 100% attendance last week!

Close behind in second place is Angelou with 98%, and in third place is Nightingale with 95%

Very well done to all three classes and good luck for next week!
May the best class win!

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