



Newsletter

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Headline!

News!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for your patience this week as once again we have had to change plans. We knew this was a possibility but were hoping to return to normal as much as possible. Unfortunately, cases of COVID in the school have risen again over the week and we are monitoring this daily.

The weather this week has been very wintry but the Year 5 and 6 children who participated in bike ability have blown us all away with their positivity and efforts to carry on regardless. Snow, rain, ice, sunshine and wind tried to deter our keen cyclists but they braved the elements and we are very proud of them all.

Christmas is filling the school at the moment, the elves have returned and are already causing mayhem! My office was trashed this morning – please see twitter for their amazing work.

Please take care over the weekend and continue to be vigilant.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bodman-Knight

Baby News!

We are delighted to share the news that Miss Bell and her partner, Mr Andrews, welcomed a beautiful baby girl on Friday.

Lydia Louise Andrews weighed 7lbs 7oz.

All are doing well and enjoying these first precious weeks together.



COVID 19 Update

Please follow local guidance and keep yourselves up to date with all COVID 19 updates both from the Prime Minister and Public Health.

We are aware of increased numbers of COVID in the area including within school where our numbers are continuing to rise again. We are taking each day as it comes and taking as many precautions as we can to ensure everyone has a safe Christmas and we can continue to ensure that the children are learning.

If your child has any symptoms, please do not hesitate in taking them for a PCR as soon as possible. If they are positive, they do need to stay at home for 10 days from when they went for the PCR.



Ares Class assembly - Update

The children in Ares class have worked so hard in preparing for their class assembly. Unfortunately, we cannot have parents in for assembly at this point. Miss Smith, Mrs Mehta and the children have discussed how they want to move forward with this and so no one misses out, they have collectively decided to put their assembly on hold until January. I will send a new date out next week.

I am so proud of the maturity Ares class have shown in discussing this and coming up with a shared decision.



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Attendance

As we deal with more absences regarding COVID 19, I have been advised to remind all families of the DFE guidance around attendance.

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school. Where a child is required to self-isolate or quarantine because of COVID-19 in accordance with relevant legislation or guidance published by UKHSA or the DHSC schools should follow the coding recommended for records.

Attendance is set at 95% and any parent of a child not meeting this will be contacted at the end of each term.

As a school our attendance is 92.6% since returning in September. We understand this is due to the current pandemic and the back to school bugs that have been very present in school. This needs to increase to 95% or higher. Both Mrs Bodman-Knight and Mrs Ricotta will be monitoring attendance regularly with contact being made for those families who have an attendance of less than 95%.

Please note that if you or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID 19, your child should still attend school **unless** they are displaying symptoms. If you are having difficulties in getting your child to school because of your symptoms, please get in touch as failure to send your child will result in an unauthorised absence.



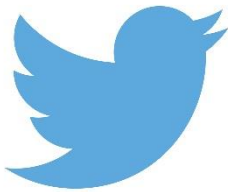
Parking Update

We are still battling with parking around the school site. I am meeting with highways on Thursday 9th December to discuss options following my discussions with local residents and also Cllr Pandey. I will keep you informed of any updates.



This Week's Stars are:

- Iris** - Bodhi
- Demeter** - Ellis
- Apollo** - Jack
- Poseidon** - Senudi
- Athena** - Teagan
- Ares** - Hannah
- Zeus** - Alice



- Whole school** - @primary_hall
- Iris** - @HMiris2
- Demeter** - @DemeterHm
- Apollo** - @HmApollo
- Poseidon** - @HmPoseidon
- Athena** - @HMAthena6
- Ares** - @HMAres2
- Zeus** - @hm_zeus

Tweet of the week!



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Those pesky elves have had fun in Mrs BK's office!



DATES

December dates for diary!

Thursday 9th Dec – PACT Christmas Wreath making (6-9pm)
(Tickets still available from the Office)

Weds 8th Dec – Chartwells Christmas Dinner

Mon 13th to Fri 17th Dec - Christmas Fun Week!

Tues 14th Dec – KS1 Nativity (Children Only - Recording will be sent to Parents/Carers)



2021-22

Term 2

Friday 17th December – End of Term

Term 3

Tuesday 4th January – Training Day

Wednesday 5th January – School open to all pupils

Friday 11th February – End of term

Term 4

Monday 21st February – Training day

Tuesday 22nd February – School open to all pupils

Friday 1st April – End of term

Term 5

Tuesday 19th April – School open to all pupils

Friday 27th May – End of term

Term 6

Monday 6th June – Training Day

Tuesday 7th June – School open to all pupils

Thursday 21st July – End of term