

Headteacher's Blog December (2) 2020

Wellies and Wonder Nativity Video

Once our pupils have had the film premiere this Friday, families will be able to access this fantastic video via a private YouTube link that you will receive via ParentMail and text. *You will love it!*

I will upload photos to the website after Friday too. Please do not post any of the footage or still images on other social media platforms, in line with our online and safeguarding policies. Thank you to my amazing pupils and staff; to well-behaved animals and superb handlers; to Gabrielle Bassett for filming and producing the wonderful, final film!



After School and Sports Provision

We will be gradually reintroducing further provision. We will not be charging for any of the after-school clubs, as we can use sports premium funding that we have been unable to use due to the current sports restrictions, and we appreciate these are challenging times financially for many families. Further details will follow from January, including future Rec-Y2 Story Craft Club; Y3/4 Lego League; KS2 Commando Joe's Club and KS2 Code Club.

From January, Tom Vickers will be delivering KS2 cricket sessions on Tuesdays, following our Covid-19 protocols and risk assessment. There will also be an after school session, open to the same KS2 bubble, until 4pm. Please let Kathy know if you want a place.

Year 6 catch-up sessions will continue on Tuesdays, so we would expect those in year 6 to do those rather than cricket.

Covid-19 Update

Public Health England has agreed a 6-day window after the final day of teaching in which schools and further education providers are asked to remain contactable so they can assist with contact tracing where necessary. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts in the education setting to be traced. They have provided the following guidance:

'Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. (For us, that will be up to 24th Dec.)

For the first 6 days after the end of term, schools are not asked to be on-call at all times.

Staff responsible for contact tracing may designate a limited period in the day to receive notification of positive cases and advise close contacts to self-isolate (this can be done by text or email).

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.'

We are not closing early for Christmas, so it is a 3pm finish on Friday 18th December.

Staffing

For the first half of the Spring term, our Student Teacher (Sabrina Dodds) will be going to Swansfield Park Primary; their student, Mrs Amy Smith, will come to us for a Year 1/2 placement.

I will continue teaching Computing, PE and some PSHE in Year 3/4, as well teaching Computing and some Maths and English in Year 5/6 on Friday afternoons.

We all wish you and your families a very happy, healthy Christmas time.

Kindest regards,

Diane Lakey