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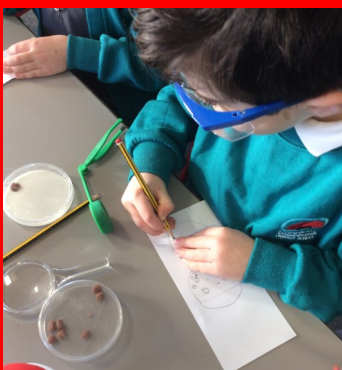
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11-20 March
British
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Message from Mrs O'Hara

This term has started positively despite the coronavirus impacting on our school community. Our school team has pulled together to cover staff absence and parents have been wonderful at keeping us informed about their family health.

Learning in school continues to be strong—pupils are engaged and teachers talk enthusiastically about their classes. We have been so focused on ensuring that the pandemic has not impacted on our pupils emotionally or academically, and so have been keeping a keen eye on 'the whole child.'

If you have any concerns about your child, as always, please contact your class teacher in the first instance, Phase Leaders, (Miss Goodwill—Early Years, Miss Kauser -Key Stage 1, Mrs Selley—Years 3 and 4. Miss Gorwood—Years 5 and 6), Mrs Mitchinson or myself.

Although the Government is relaxing some practices linked to Covid-19, we will still be highlighting hand-sanitising, hand washing and respiratory hygiene (Catch it, Bin it, Kill it)

We ask parents to continue to keep the channels of communication open—informing us if there is a positive case in your household, continuing to do LFD tests, and of course wearing a mask on the playground. We are asking families to protect our community, whilst going about their day to day business and whilst Government rules are removed. Today we have 40 pupils absent who have tested positive. Being cautious is critical for all, especially our medically vulnerable families.

Year 6 sporting adventure

Last week our Year 6 children had a sporting experience at the new LNER Stadium in York. Pupils had a tour, had the opportunity to practise their football skills, as well as learn about the heritage of the game in York. It was a chilly day, but the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



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Pupil progress this term

Since the first lockdown, our parents evenings have been held over the telephone, we have provided the statutory end of year reports ,as well as two additional end of term reports. The ‘End of term reports’ are a simple overview of how children are coping with class learning and an update on their attendance, behaviour etc. This term, we will be holding our Parents Evenings virtually, using an online booking system. Although this has been mainly used in secondary schools, and will be a cost to the school, we feel that the investment at this moment in time is required. We will send further information about this very soon so that parents can book meetings for their children.

Parent and Pupil questionnaire.

Hope Sentamu Learning Trust is carrying out a survey of all its primary schools. You should soon be receiving an email with a link to complete their online survey. We have not completed our usual Autumn term Surveys knowing that this one would be coming out to families. We have been requested to send text reminders over the next two weeks, as the Trust is keen to get as much feedback as possible.

Reminders from the lovely ladies in the office.

Please book your school lunches online and don’t leave it until the last minute—this can be tricky for our catering professionals.

Covid-19—Where a member of your family tests positive for Covid-19, as long as pupil’s LFD is negative, they may attend school. Please continue to let school know if this is the case.

From Monday 17 January, people with COVID-19 in England can **end** their self-isolation after 5 full days, as long as they test negative on **day 5 and day 6**.

Special dates this term

National Story telling week—January 29th - February 4th (pupils only)

National bug busting day—January 31st .The big comb using conditioner, looking for any unwanted visitors. (for parents to do at home)

Chinese New Year—Tuesday February 1st (pupils only)

Safer Internet Day—February 8th (pupils only)

Parents Evenings— Week beginning 28th February (for parents to attend online)

World Book Day— March 3rd (pupils only)

British Science Week—11th—20th March (pupils only)

Special dates for the summer

POPFEST 2022! - Friday 1st July (for families during and after school)

Sports Day—Tuesday 12th July KS1 am and KS2 pm (for families during the day)

POPS Got Talent Week—Monday 18th—Thursday 21st July (pupils only)

Year 6 leavers assembly—Friday 22nd July (for families)