

The Great Pumpkin Watch Begins!!

I am sure all of you who are walking around the school grounds have seen the wonderful allotments in Mr McGregor's Garden. Mrs Porter, Mrs Zollino and Mrs Smith are working very hard with the children to maintain these and are always on the look out for donations to create an all round seasonal vegetable plot for our 'Take What You Need' campaign.

They have also started a competition for who can grow the biggest pumpkin! A draw took place to allocate the pumpkin plants and the seedlings have been planted. Watch out for updates as we measure the growth and see who has the biggest pumpkin later in the term!

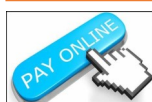


Tighter COVID Restrictions: PLEASE HELP US KEEP EVERYONE AS SAFE AS WE CAN— WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT !

Once again I do thank everyone for the efforts to remain socially distanced at the start and end of the day. The Council have asked us to send another letter home to you regarding their response to the rising numbers of infections in the area.

Although things are running quite smoothly at dropping off and picking up time, we still have far too many parents queuing at the gates, in the morning especially. **Please do not arrive till your time slot has started so you can walk in/drop off without delay.** We know there will be some parents queuing when they have more than one child to drop off at different times but we have a number of Y2,3 and 4 parents with no siblings arriving before 8.45am and making it more difficult for children to enter at the right time. **Only one parent walking a child around the path please.** Also we must insist that **children stay with their parents on the path and not run off and into other families bubbles.** This is especially noticeable at the end of the day. It is not fair to parents who are desperately trying to avoid taking the virus home to vulnerable family members and those Grandparents who are picking up and are vulnerable themselves. We would also like to **encourage adults to wear a face mask when entering the school site** to minimise possible transmission, especially as we still do tend to get a restricted flow of movement on the footpath around the KS1 area.

Please be reminded that if your child or any member of your household has symptoms of the virus you must not enter the school site and should self isolate until there is a negative test result or for 14 days to ensure no one else becomes symptomatic. If you do have symptoms and find yourself struggling to get a test after 5 days, the advice is to just isolate for 10 days or longer until feel well again.



A reminder that we can not accept cash payments in the office now and all payments need to be made online using the app or requesting a bar code you can take to the post office to pay there. All the instructions about downloading and using the payment app can be found on the home page of the school website or contact the office for help.

Please also be aware that After School Club fees need to be paid in advance. We cannot provide a place the following week if there are debts outstanding. Thank you.

Please can we remind everyone that we only have water in water bottles, not juice or squash. Thank you.



School Dinners are Back!!

We are delighted to be one of the first schools ready to offer fresh hot meals again in school! Our delicious menu is available on the school webpage and Y1-5 can choose at the counter as before.

Our two Reception classes will be alternating between hot dinners one week and grab bags the next and eating in the classrooms. Y6 have a choice from the amazing deli menu—Mr Powell is looking quite jealous!

School dinners are free for Reception and KS1 and only £2.50 a day in KS2—do ask if you think you are eligible to free school meals or a flexible charge. School also receives extra funding according to how many children are eligible for free school meals—we only need a national insurance number to check. Also, school receives money towards the costs of dinners if more take up the Reception/KS1 offer. The Government counts how many have a school dinner on Census day—1st October. On that day, we will be offering a special menu and it would be great if all of Reception and KS1 had a school dinner then. Look out for a letter about it soon!



Thank you Teeny Weenies and Nursery for bearing with us and moving so sensibly to the Family at the Front Room as preparations for the knocking down of the wall starts. They capped off radiators last weekend and this weekend they will demolish the actual wall. Hopefully we will soon be back to normal and there will be a wonderful new look room to learn in!

Rock Steady is Rocking Again!

It is wonderful to see school returning to normal and this includes our rock music lessons! They are meeting in the SNEYS part of school while TW/ Nursery are in the FaF room.



PLEASE can we remind parents **NOT TO PARK** in Billy Wright Close when dropping or picking up children. We had hoped the staggered times would help with parking.



There was a problem getting an ambulance to a resident this week due to over parking. We all need to help each other especially in such times. **Thank you.**

If your child shows symptoms of any of the following: a **new continuous dry** cough, a **high** temperature, a loss / change of smell or taste; then the most recent guidance should be followed:

- Inform school and self isolate for **10 days immediately**
- **Household members of the symptomatic person should also self isolate immediately for 14 days (including siblings)**
- Arrange for a Covid test by phoning the national 119 number or our local Wolverhampton number 01902 290244.
- Inform school of the outcome of the test.

If the test is negative, please send a screenshot or show the Office team the text confirming this to be able to bring your child back to school.

If you think your child does have symptoms of the virus as described and you keep them off school because of this, then you must either have a test and await the outcome or stay away from school for 10 days before your child can return.

They can not return the next day or in a couple of days if you think they no longer are ill. If they have had virus symptoms it should be treated as such.