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**Newsletter 7**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

As the half term comes to an end a few updates for the next half term.

### **Bubbles**

After half term we are going to move to year group bubbles. This means classes will still work mainly as a class but there will be some times when they may work across the year group for somethings e.g. phonics (as we always used to). It will mean the children can play with the children in the parallel class at playtime which is something that always happened until this year. Playtimes / lunchtimes will still be staggered through the school.

### **Covid Tests**

Thank you to everyone who has been following up with a PCR test when a child has symptoms of Coronavirus. Whilst people may have access to lateral flow tests the Public Health England advice is still that where someone has symptoms of the virus a PCR test is needed.

#### **Types of Test**

##### **LFD tests (Lateral Flow Device)**

- LFDs are a fast way to identify individuals with lots of the virus and who are very infectious. 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms so this test is useful for finding cases we would not otherwise know about. **LFD tests are for people who do not have any symptoms**

##### **PCR tests (Polymerase Chain Reaction)**

- PCR tests are more sensitive and used to confirm suspected cases. The result takes longer as is processed in a lab. **PCR tests are for people with COVID-19 symptoms or used as a follow up after a positive LFD result**

## Swimming

Year 5 & 6 have now had the first swimming block and it will be year 3 & 4's turn the week we come back after half term.

Week beginning 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 and 4 every day
Week beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 and 2 every day Reception (A separate letter will be sent with further details regarding Reception swimming arrangements)

This year we are asking for a contribution of £10 per child (£5 for children in Reception). Please can contributions be made by mid-June. These can be paid on Parent Mail in full or in installments.

Help on how to pay can be found at

<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/payments/online-payments/>

Once in Payments, you will be able to view items visit the "Shop".

In "Shop" you will be able to view items which your school have set up as available payment items, which you can buy.

Once you have found an item you want to purchase, simply click on it.

You can then choose to 'Add to Basket' and continue shopping, or click 'Pay Now' to check out straight away.

## Vision Screening

Children in Reception will have their vision screening appointment on the 16<sup>th</sup> June. The opt-out form was emailed to parents in April. Please let the office know if you need a copy.

Thank you for your support over this cold, grey half term. Hopefully next half term will be sunnier and the children will be able to enjoy more summer activities.

### **CHILD SAFEGUARDING**

*We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for Child Protection within school is Mr. Boraston.*