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Headteacher's news

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support during our first two weeks back. It has been a challenging two weeks with a rise in Covid-19 cases in both staff and children which has again seen us put in to place remote learning and support. Having returned from being unwell myself, I know the challenges and worries this presents families but I am reassured and so proud when I see that every single member of staff continues to work extremely hard to reduce the risk of transmission and support our children and each other through this difficult time.

Staffing

We are really pleased to welcome new staff to school. Mrs Dave will be teaching with Mrs Tunnicliffe in Foxes class and Mr Maxted and Mrs Modhwadia will be supporting learning in years 1 and 2.

We have said farewell to Mrs J Carter who has left us to start a new challenge within the health care sector. We wish her all the best of luck and thank her for all the support she has given to pupils and staff, particularly in KS2.

Congratulations to Mrs Ricketts and her husband on the safe arrival of their son, Zion. Both Mum and baby are doing really well. We wish you all the best and hope to meet him soon.

I would like to thank all parents, families and friends for your continued support and please take a look at Twitter for some fantastic images of the work the children are doing. Twitter! @StCuthbertsCEP1

Mrs J Hawkins

<u>Diary Dates</u> Tuesday 28th September Yr 5 Victorians trip

Monday 18th-Friday 22nd
October
Half term



Our school uniform is

- a school red sweatshirt or cardigan (available at the school office) The majority of our pupils do wear the school sweatshirt but a plain red sweatshirt without logos is also acceptable.
- white polo-shirt
- **grey** trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress. Pupils should wear sensible footwear for school plain white, black or grey socks with **black shoes**.

There are some girls wearing black leggings to school. Please support our school uniform policy by sending children to school in grey trousers or skirt as soon as possible please. Thank you.

Covid- 19 reminders

Cleaning and Hygiene

- Each classroom has been equipped with anti- bacterial wipes, spray and cloths. Staff will continue to wipe/spray tables and frequently touched surfaces during the school day.
- Windows will be opened to increase ventilation, balancing ventilation with thermal comfort.
- Good hand hygiene will remain in place with hand washing a priority when coming in from outside and before eating. Hand sanitiser is available and used with adult supervision when children need to move around the school e.g. PE, Computing, assemblies or when hand washing is not possible.
- Good respiratory hygiene, catch it, bin it, kill it principles will be shared and reinforced with the children.
- First aid- each classroom has their own first aid kits. The majority of first aid will be dealt with in the class. Any staff member dealing with first aid issues must wear a face mask and gloves. An apron will also be available should the adult wish to use one. All first aid treatments must be reported to the head or deputy.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared.

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are;

- a new, continuous cough,
- or a high temperature,
- or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

<u>In recent cases within school, children have shown symptoms of a stomach ache, head ache or a sore</u> throat.

If the child has a positive test result but do not have symptoms, they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken.

Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) or by calling 119.

Health and Safety

If your child comes to school on a bike or scooter they must not ride them in the playground. This also includes younger siblings. This will create a safer environment for pedestrians along the path and hopefully avoid any unfortunate accidents. On entering the school grounds, please push it to the bike shelter or scooter stand in the Key stage 2 playground or in the marked area through the side gate to the Key stage 1 playground. Do not ride bikes or scooter around the car park at any time.

Parking

Parents/ Carers who bring children to school by car must not:

- stop on the yellow lines outside the school entrance
- park on or in the school driveway/carpark
- park on any of the pavements near the school.

We also ask that you park considerately and do not obstruct driveways of neighbouring houses. St Cuthbert's and local residents seek your cooperation in resolving this issue by requesting that parents park sensibly and with due consideration for other road users.

