



Dear Parents,

I hope that the children at home are getting into a routine with their remote learning. I passed on your kind words of support to the teachers and learning support assistants at our remote meeting this week.

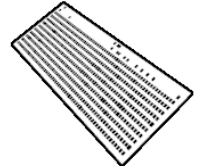
You may have heard that primary school Lateral Flow Testing will be starting on 25th January and is available to all staff and those who regularly visit the school site. The tests are used to identify asymptomatic positive cases of Covid-19. Testing is for staff only and does not affect the children. The school will continue to operate all the controls currently in place to minimise risk.

I hope that you all have a restful weekend.

Kind regards
Lindsay McCarthy
Headteacher

Benefit-related Free School Meals

Vouchers for benefit-related Free School Meals have now been emailed out. An email from Edenred should have been received by all those entitled on Wednesday. The vouchers issued take families to Friday 12th February.



Ideas for Reading

Hopefully you will have received a letter this week giving you lots of ideas for reading including the Winter Reading Challenge. I hope this gives you some ideas for keeping the children engaged with their reading.



Thank you for our lovely treats!

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to the families who have sent in treats for the staff over the last few weeks. I just wanted you to know that everyone is so grateful and I always send a photo to all the staff showing your kind words and the treats you have sent in. I obviously then share them and don't eat them all myself!



Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors of the Week!

It gives me great pleasure to announce our Values Ambassadors...

Chestnut Class—Arthur...**Achievement**...*Fantastic, independent writing with careful letter shapes.*

Willow Class - Max...**Excellence**...*Outstanding effort towards home learning.*

Apple Class – Bella...**Aspiration**...*Being a superstar every, single day!*

Cherry Class – Matthew...**Excellence**...*Always trying his best with a huge smile.*

Lime Class – Holly...**Excellence**...*Producing fantastic home learning.*

Holly Class – Pippa...**Excellence**...*Wonderful fractions work.*

Cedar Class – Chloe...**Excellence**...*Fantastic, descriptive adjective in her writing.*

Silver Birch Class - Alice...**Aspiration**...*Beautiful language choices in her Tin Forest writing.*

Hazel Class – Louis...**Excellence**...*Making a very creative collage food chain..*

Yew Class – Megan...**Excellence**...*Creating brilliant photos to demonstrate her food chain knowledge.*

Juniper Class – Joseph...**Resilience & Achievement**...*Fantastic yoga photos and really engaging with his learning.*

Sycamore Class – Isla...**Growth**...*such great concentration and contribution to learning.*

Maple Class – Katie...**Excellence**...*Excellent 'Journey to Hogwart's collage.*

Oak Class – Diego...**Achievement**...*Working incredibly hard and great dance moves!*



Diary Dates

Confirmed Dates for 20/21

New Tour of the school and Welcome Meeting available on the website and Facebook page.

Date	Event
Monday 4th January 2021	Return to School
Monday 15th—Friday 19th February 2021	Half Term
Wednesday 17th March 2021 6pm	Year 3/4 Show (if guidelines allow)
Thursday 18th March 2021 6pm	Year 3/4 Show (if guidelines allow)
WB: Monday 22nd March 2021	Parents Evenings
Friday 2nd April—Friday 16th April 2021	Easter Holidays
Monday 19th April 2021	Day Closure for Staff Training
Friday 23rd July 2021	Day Closure for Staff Training

New dates will be added in blue.