

Dear Parents and Carers,



Since the last Newsletter both the staff and children have had a very busy time at school celebrating harvest! Thank you so much for your generous donations of tinned goods, dried foods and other non-perishables for the Marlene Reid

Centre, we were absolutely overwhelmed with your generosity!



Although we could not all visit the church this year, we were so proud of our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children for their excellent Harvest celebration videos which were added to Facebook last week. We hope you were able to share the posts with family and friends and were as proud as we were of the children. Thank you to the staff who worked hard behind the scenes to put the videos together.

## Face Coverings

Thank you so much to our parents and carers, for wearing face coverings at drop off and collection times; this really does help to keep everyone safe. We do ask that you try to stick to your timings and ask you not to gather outside school on the pavement as this makes it more difficult for children to enter and exit the school site safely. *Wearing a face covering in this busy area is advised.* Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

## Parents Evening

We will send home a settling in report for each child after half term and will be offering an optional Zoom meeting with your child's class teacher. Please be patient with us as this will be our first time 'Zooming' for parents evening! We hope that technology is on our side!

## School dinners

This week we have started providing hot dinners again. Feedback from children has been excellent and it's so nice to be able to smell the kitchen cooking again! Thank you to Mrs Bate and the team for their hard work!



## Reusable Water Bottles

We have noticed that we are creating a lot of additional plastic waste at lunchtimes by providing the children with a bottle of water to drink with their meal. To do our bit for the planet, we are currently sourcing Donisthorpe water bottles. We will be providing each child with a bottle free of charge so that it can be reused and refilled daily. The bottles will hopefully be with us shortly and we will send you more information when they arrive! We will also hold a small stock of spare bottles, if you would like to purchase additional ones they will cost £1.50 each.

## Absence from school

Please remember if you phone school to report your child's absence and leave a message, please make sure that you give the reason for absence for our records. Please also remember to let the school office know if your child is absent due to quarantine requirements following a holiday.

### **Apply for a School Place – Primary/Secondary**

The deadline for applying for a Secondary School place is **31st October 2020**. The deadline for applying for a Primary School place is **15th January 2021**. For both applications, the simplest way is online at: [www.leics.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.leics.gov.uk/admissions). If you need any further information, please contact the Admissions team on admissions@leics.gov.uk or 0116 305 6684.

### **Remote Learning**

As you are aware our Remote Learning Plan is in place to ensure that in the event of partial school closure or individual cases of self-isolation, we will continue to deliver the curriculum to students through our remote learning provision.

Our provision for *immediate* Covid related absence is as follows:

- Read your school reading book x20 minutes per day
- EYFS/Year 1 and 2 practise phonics/super power words
- Practise spellings on Spelling Shed
- Practice times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars
- BBC Bite Size: You'll find daily lessons for home schooling in Maths and English for every year group, as well as regular lessons in Science, History, Geography and more.
- Oak Academy Online Classroom: Some great online lessons and resources. There are two options for using these resources. Either you can follow a set plan of lessons across a range of subjects, or you can access particular lessons in certain subjects.

Further remote learning will be set by the class teacher for individuals or groups each day on Seesaw, following a Covid related absence of 48 hours or more.

We ask that children submit learning onto Seesaw by 4.00pm each day so that it can be marked and the next day's learning can be set. If you have any questions about Remote Learning, please contact your child's class teacher.

### **Snacks in school**

You are welcome to send in a snack for your child to enjoy at break time. Please remember that we are a healthy school and this should ideally be a piece of fruit. EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children are provided a piece of fruit for their snack in the morning.

### **Testing**

We have now had several staff and children go off to be tested for Covid but fortunately so far, test results have been coming back quite quickly, enabling everyone to return to normal life after only a short period of isolation. If you have any symptoms, seek advice from the NHS and get a test...and don't forget to inform the school office!

### **Half Term**

School will close for half term on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October and will reopen to children on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October. ***Our staggered drop off and collection procedures will remain in place until further notice.***

As always, if you have any questions or queries, do not hesitate to contact school.

Regards,

**If you are Displaying ANY of the three main Covid symptoms:**

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal



You **MUST** request a COVID test immediately. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Remember if your child develops non- COVID symptoms, i.e. cold, blocked nose etc. It is **your responsibility** to decide whether they are well enough to attend school. If they come to school, we will assume that they are well enough to be in school and will monitor them if the non-Covid symptoms are mentioned. If they are not well enough to attend school, you must follow the usual procedure. Call the office to say that your child will not be in school and give the reason.