

Spring Term 2022 - Update 7 - 25/02/22

Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of another busy half term, I think everyone is ready for the rest and the promise of spring being just around the corner!

Please find below the diary information for next week.

World Book Day

Staff at both schools have told me that the children looked great in their costumes today. I know that there were lots of fun activities around books planned for today and that the children (and staff) will have had a fun day.

Little Monkeys (11/03/22)

We are hoping to be able to go ahead with this Little Monkeys session. We are changing the way in which Little Monkeys runs and are now asking that an adult (e.g. parent / grandparent) stays at school with any pre-school children who attend.

Updated Covid Advice

Many of you will be aware that the Prime Minister announced the removal of measures put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic as we learn to live with the virus. Below is information on how this affects us in school. This has been taken from the DfE: Education Hub and can be found by clicking HERE

'On Monday 21 February, the Prime Minister announced the removal of measures put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic as we learn to live with the virus. This includes changes for schools and colleges such as no longer recommending regular testing for pupils and staff without symptoms and removing the legal requirement for people to isolate following a positive test - this includes school pupils, further education and higher education students and all staff in mainstream education and childcare settings.

Here is what you need to know and what this means for education settings.

Testing

The latest changes to testing rules do not mean the end of testing altogether. Regular testing is still advised for specialist special educational needs and disability (SEND) settings, alternative provision, and SEND units in mainstream schools or the equivalent in colleges. All settings may be advised by their local public health team to recommend lateral flow device (LFD) tests to manage an outbreak.

What if staff or students want to continue testing regularly?

Although this will no longer be recommended, staff in education and childcare settings and students and pupils can still access test kits by <u>ordering them online</u> or through their local pharmacy if they wish.



Self-isolation

From 24 February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. In addition, the Government will no longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days and routine contact tracing will end.

Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

Staff, children and young people who are contacts should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.'

In-line with this guidance we would continue to ask that pupils with symptoms of Covid are tested and isolate at home if they receive a positive result. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Dates for February and March

28/02/22 to 04/03/22 - School Closed for half term

07/03/22 - School Reopens

09/03/22 - 2:30pm to 6pm - Parents' Evening for Meadow Class at Long Lane

10/03/22 - 3:30pm to 6pm - Parents' Evening for Garden Class and Meadow Class at Long Lane

Next Week at Long Lane

Monday 7th March

Mrs Bosley at LLPS

Tuesday 8th March

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PM - Meadow Class Music with Wider Opportunities

Wednesday 9th March

Mrs Bosley at LLPS / MMPS

PM – Meadow Class Forest School, please send Forest School kit to school

2:30pm - Parents' Evening for Meadow Class

Thursday 10th March

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PM – PE for Garden class, children to wear PE kit to school.

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Friday 11th March

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1:30pm - Little Monkeys



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Have a lovely break.

Teresa Bosley Headteacher