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*'Where Every Door is Opened
and Every Gift Unlocked'*

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Dear Families,

I do hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your families and friends.
As we begin our spring term we hear of some changes from the government, please take some time to read the COVID changes -

1. If someone in your household tests positive the whole household must take a PCR test and if negative then the whole household (unless under 5) must take lateral flow tests daily for 7 days if 5 and over. If the daily tests are negative they can continue to attend school, if your child or anyone else in the household develop symptoms or one of your lateral flow tests is positive then isolate immediately and arrange to take a PCR test. Inform school immediately on covid@wittonwalk.cheshire.sch.uk, thank you. If for any reason your child is unable to take lateral flow tests for the 7 days they must isolate for the full 10 days.

2. If your child is positive and they are self-isolating on day 6 they can take a lateral flow test. If the day 6 and day 7 test are BOTH negative, your child DOES NOT have a temperature and BOTH tests have been reported to covid@wittonwalk.cheshire.sch.uk then your child can stop isolating and attend school on day 8. We will have emailed you to confirm this - **DO NOT** attend school unless you have had a confirmation email from school.
The tests MUST be taken at least 24 hours apart.

If day 6 or day 7 lateral flow tests are positive then you can continue to do daily testing and if you have two consecutive days of negative test results, at least 24 hours apart, before you end your day 10 of isolation and you have reported both to our Covid email and you have received a confirmation email from school your child can end isolation and return to school if they do not have a temperature.
Obviously after day 10 they can resume daily life as they will have completed their ten days of isolation.

Please remember day 0 is the first day of symptoms or the day you tested positive on a lateral flow or PCR if no symptoms – this is not day 1.

3. If you have symptom or your child has symptoms please do not bring them to school, self-isolate immediately, inform school on covid@wittonwalk.cheshire.sch.uk and book a PCR test.



'Our Vision'

Last term we did a lot of work in school looking at what our school vision means to us personally, our school community and how we live out our vision in school as a member of our school community - staff, children and governors. We shared some of this work with you in our service for Harvest and at Christmas. I ask, through this newsletter, to take some time to reread our vision, I know time is precious but our vision is why you chose our school for your children and it is important that we remind ourselves and reflect on the Christian values and aims in which we endeavour to achieve in our daily practice as valued individual members of our school community. I would like to thank you for taking time to read this, I am sure your children will be able to share the work they have been doing around our vision. Our vision has been key to our school community over this past two years, which have been difficult times for all of us at some point but we have been here to support and offer that kindness to each other.



Year 6 residential in November 2022 (current year 5 children)

This year we have made a few changes to our Year 6 residential. We will not be going to Menai next year, there have been many changes at the centre and due to these we have decided to investigate a few new places that have been recommended to us by other head teachers. We have completed a site visit to Min Y Don in North Wales and were extremely impressed with the facilities, opportunities, activities and the instructors. It will be for the full five days. Colleagues from Min Y Don are holding a parent information evening on Thursday 10th February at 6pm. This event will be for one parent for each child to attend with COVID safety measures in place - these will follow nearer the time, if we are unable to have this event face to face then there will be a link sent out so you can attend virtually.

Staffing changes

I am delighted to inform you that we have employed an existing member of our school staff to the position of nursery teacher during Mrs Ridd's maternity leave in the summer term. Miss Mogford is already one of our part time nursery teachers and she has agreed to work fulltime in nursery and so the transition will be extremely smooth for all your children. February half term.

We will also say goodbye to Miss Dawkins this Friday as she moves to a full-time role. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Miss Dawkins well on her new role as teaching assistant at Lower Peover.

Year 1, 2 and 6 parents -

Currently SATs for Year 6 and Year 2 children and phonics testing for Year 1 children are due to take place this Summer for the first time in two years due to COVID impacting on teachings and learning within schools. It is vital more than ever this year that you support your child with homework, and more importantly reading each week night or at least five nights a week. Reading is the one true gift you can support your child with, the skill of reading will open many doors for your children now and as they venture through life. If you do need any support please DO ask your child's teacher for advice and ideas.



Residentials for YEAR 4 and YEAR 2

YEAR 4 - Our numbers are now finalised and have been sent to the centre. As stated in previous letters, your child will only be able to attend the residential if payment is received in full before the trip.

YEAR 2 – You are able to start making payments to the Year 2 residential at Tattenhall, please take advantage of these to allow you to spread the payments out. As with any residential, your child will only be able to attend the residential if payment is received in full before the trip.

Concerns and celebrations

I would just like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the support we provide in school for parents and families who have any concerns about their child. As I say in our new intake evening and during ‘in year admission’ meetings - if concerns are not brought to a member of staff’s attention or to mine or my deputy then we cannot move forward positively with them for everyone involved.

May I take this moment to thank parents and families who have brought these to our attention and that if you do have any concerns now or in the future please do take the time to speak to a member of staff immediately to ensure that we are able to listen and reach a positive conclusion for all involved.

‘Love thy neighbour as yourself’

Mark 12:31



Likewise if you would like to bring any celebrations to my attention, I would dearly like to hear them. Often parents or grandparents send me emails, letters or just catch me to say how my staff have been helpful to their child or sorted a concern out quickly for them. These moments are valued immensely by all staff, myself and governors of the school. In life saying thank you, welcoming others with a smile and offering that hand of friendship is something that God taught us to share with others and passes kindness to others in unmeasurable ways.

May I thank you again for all your support you give to school, working in partnership to ensure the most positive outcome for your children.

A huge thank you also for the support you have shown and we hope to continue with a full packed curriculum this next two terms and enjoy having lots of fun and ensuring you are all part of that with us.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Kathryn Magiera

