

Weekly News

Friday 7 January 2022



Happy New Year to you all and welcome to 2022! Just after the end of last term, it became apparent that we had not completely avoided Covid spreading within our school community as I had previously claimed, however it does seem to have been contained to one unfortunate class where a few children sadly ended up isolating over Christmas. This only serves as a reminder to us all that we must continue to follow all our procedures as rigorously as possible in order to at least keep infection and disruption to the minimum it can be. Thank you as always for your continued understanding when it is you who receives a phone call from the office asking you to collect your child and book a PCR test!

C. Richards

House Points Update

All children from Reception up are allocated to one of our houses. Here are the totals for this academic year so far:

Catherine: 2016

Verney: 2051

Nightingale: 1997

Chaloner: 2067

Chaloner only took over the lead from Verney in the last two weeks of last term!

Diary Dates:

Week beginning 31 January:

Opportunity for Balance Bike training for Reception/Y1. More info to follow.

Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th February—**Parents' Evenings** (please note these dates are a slight change from those originally advertised)

Lateral Flow testing

Following some confusion regarding my email earlier in the week, please note that we are not asking anyone to lateral flow test their primary aged children as a matter of routine (although you are of course welcome to do so if you wish).

The new rules brought in by the government say children aged 5yrs and over should lateral flow test daily for 7 days if they have had contact with someone who tests positive. Children under 5 who have had contact with a positive case are required to book a one off PCR test instead.

● NB: A negative lateral flow test result remains unacceptable if a child develops Covid symptoms. A PCR test must be booked and the child must isolate while waiting for the result.

Good news

Our new Trim Trail has finally been completed today following pandemic and building supply related delays! Thanks again to the Co-op for their donation a couple of years ago which made it possible. Please remember that we are currently one of the causes that the Co-op are raising money for so that our Artis performing arts sessions can take place this year. Please consider making us your chosen charity and asking friends and family to do the same if you have a Co-op card.

Sad news

I know many of your children have passed through our Nursery and you remain very fond of Sonya Parsley who takes such good care of all the children she works with. You will therefore be saddened, as we are, to hear that her husband passed away just after Christmas. We have of course passed on our whole community's love and sympathy at this incredibly difficult time for her and her family but if anyone else would like to send her a specific message we will of course be happy to pass it on.

Please help!

Our ongoing difficulties with staffing mean that if a child is ill for any reason and needs to be collected, it is increasingly difficult to ensure a member of staff is available to supervise them, away from their class to avoid spreading any illness, while they are waiting. With that in mind, if you do not already have a network of local contacts who would be able to collect your child for you at short notice when you are too far away, please could you make every effort to find some. Many classes have their own parent Whatsapp group which may be a place to start in finding some people who may be able to help. We would be really grateful if you can help with this.