



## Parent Newsletter – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half term of the school year. The weeks do fly by and we will be at Christmas before we know it!

### Covid 19 – Updates

We are now in a new National Lockdown, which commenced, as you know, on Thursday. The restrictions on all families are taxing – we all would rather be out and about, but we must make sure we follow the regulations for the good of all. In terms of school activity, we will not be able to offer any extra-curricular clubs for the time being – we had been offering Y6 boys' football, girls' football and netball, but these have to cease until the restriction is lifted. I look forward to the time when we can offer a full range of after school enrichment activities, but can't see this being any time soon, I'm afraid.

- School life will continue as normal. Pupils are expected to attend as normal. The government guidance for schools is as follows:

*Clinically extremely vulnerable people in England have received further guidance on keeping safe. The new advice details further precautions those in this group can take on top of the tougher national measures being introduced, as cases continue to rise across the country. Everyone not considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable will be expected to follow the new restrictions, such as staying at home unless shopping for food or exercising and not meeting up with people outside of the household.*

*The updated guidance, which clinically extremely vulnerable individuals are strongly urged to follow, includes:*

- *School: as evidence has shown there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from COVID-19, most children originally on the shielded patient list no longer need to be and therefore can still attend school. If they are unsure, parents should contact their child's usual GP or hospital clinician to check whether they should still be considered clinically extremely vulnerable. If a GP or clinician has advised that a child should remain on the shielded patient list, they are advised not to attend school. Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but aren't themselves, should still attend school.*

I attach a new NHS flyer which we have been asked to circulate to all parents, with updated guidance for this period. I will continue to send updates as often as necessary.

I hope that the revised staggered start and finish times have alleviated waiting for some parents. We think this has worked well and intend to continue with this arrangement. In case you missed the revised schedule, please see the bottom of the newsletter. Please advise anyone who may be dropping off or

collecting your children of the correct time and place. Please ensure that face coverings are worn at all times in the alleyway and on site.

### Whole School Remembrance Service

As usual, we will be holding a Remembrance service in school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The service will commence at 10.45am and will last for about half an hour. During this time, we will be observing the two-minute silence. Unfortunately, we are unable to have parents join us this year, but we will record the service for you to watch later. Our children have been making poppy crosses and wreaths in class. Each class will have their own remembrance wreath in their classroom and we will also have an altar of remembrance in the school lobby. I will add photographs to next week's newsletter.

We have had poppies and other remembrance-related merchandise available in classes and will continue to do so next week. You can send in your donations with your child.

### PTA news

A flyer will be sent out to all pupils today. In classes our children have created some Christmas card art work and this has been uploaded to the 'mychild'sart' website. From this, with the unique school code, you can find your child's artwork and then order Christmas cards and other gift items. These are always very popular and perhaps this year, more than ever, the personal nature of this card or gift will go a long way to making distant relatives feel close to you. Our PTA will receive commission on all items sold through the Margaret Roper login. For easy reference I also include the school code here. Log into [www.mychildsart.co.uk/order](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk/order) then click on the 'group order portals' part of the page then enter the username MargaretRoper and the password p6xsZQYu . Thank you for your support.

### Y1 Hearing Tests

Will be taking place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to all Y1 parents who have sent back their forms, we have six outstanding. An additional copy of the permission forms will be given to Y1 pupils concerned tonight, so please send them back by Monday in time for the school nurse's visit. Thank you.

### Dogs!

Please refer back to my previous newsletter article. Dogs are not permitted to be walked around the site and must be kept off the playground, apart from the small area near the gate. Please try to help me with this.

### Packed Lunches

If your child brings a lunch from home, please remember our 'Healthy Schools' Status. We have noticed that for some children their lunches contain too many sugary and high fat/salt items. While we know you like to give your children treats, please try to adhere to our policy and restrict to one 'treat' item. We have Healthy Schools status and it is important to maintain these standards in both school and packed lunches.

### Stars of the week

In our virtual assembly this morning we said well done to the following stars of the week from each class.

- **Red Class** - Amelia & Luca
- **Orange Class** – Zoe & Rajvivaan
- **Yellow Class** – Leo & Will
- **Green Class** – Christina & Rose
- **Blue Class** – James & Ted
- **Indigo Class** – Oliver & Max
- **Amethyst Class** – Joseph & Leah
- **Violet Class** – Katie & Stefan

Well done to all of you!

## Houses

In assembly today, we awarded house badges to all of the children who have joined us since September. These badges can be worn as part of uniform. Our winning house for last half term was St Teresa House. Well done to all the members of that house!

## Sporting success

We received the results of the Croydon Cross Country time trials that a number of pupils from Years 3-6 competed in before half term. We had some excellent individual performances with top ten places for a number of children including Joint 1<sup>st</sup> for Ted in Y4 Boys, 3<sup>rd</sup> for Michael in Y3 Boys, 5<sup>th</sup> for Connie and 8<sup>th</sup> for Rose in Y3 Girls and 8<sup>th</sup> for Julia in Y4 Girls. A picture of a slightly soggy team is below. Well done to all.



Unfortunately, it is not possible to run inter-school sports currently, but we are running a number of events and mini-competitions in class PE sessions.

Have a pleasant weekend – stay safe  
Mr. Mooney

Attachment:  
NHS flyer

## Staggered starts and finish times for this half term

Class	Start Time	Location	Finish Time	Location
Red	8.45	Playground	3.00	Playground
Orange	8.30	Playground	2.50	Playground
Yellow	8.40	Car Park	3.00	Car Park
Green	8.30	Playground	2.50	Playground
Blue	8.45	Car Park	3.00	Playground
Indigo	8.35	Car Park	2.55	Car Park
Violet	8.45	Playground	3.05	Playground
Amethyst	8.35	Playground	2.55	Playground