



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

## Headteacher's update

Reports in the press over the last 24 hours have stated that Lancashire will be going into lockdown imminently. Although details have not been announced at the time of writing, I do not believe that this will mean that schools will close. The government are determined for children to stay in education. However, this may mean that families are not able to mix so it will be even more important when dropping off and collecting your child that social distancing is maintained. We all need to play our part to keep the virus under control and to prevent the total lockdown that we saw in March. I do believe that children will miss school during this year whether that is because a class has to close following a positive test or because a child or family member has siblings who have symptoms. In order to keep your child learning and to avoid them falling behind the rest of the class we have a new system starting next week (see below). In order to access this, it is vital that every parent downloads the **FREE class dojo app**. If you are struggling to do this, please speak to your child's teacher.

## Home Learning

When children returned to school in September, having missed a great deal of last year, we were keen to help them to catch up. However, due to the prevalence of coughs and colds and a lack of testing we are finding that some children are still having to spend time out of school and are not unwell. In order to stop pupils falling further behind, from Monday teachers will upload Maths and English work to the **class dojo** page. This will allow any child who is not in school to have access to the work that the other children in the class are doing. The work should be completed in an exercise book that we will send home on Monday and can either be brought in when your child returns or can be photographed and uploaded to the class story.



## Water bottles

Children can bring water bottles into school. These should be named and have a sports cap to avoid spillages. Please make sure they only contain **WATER**. Juice is not permitted and will be poured away and replaced if brought to school.

## New Lunch Menu

Since the start of the new school year most classes have been eating in classrooms. We have kept our normal menu as we felt it was important to continue to offer children a hot meal. However, it is quite difficult to transport these around school. Lancashire County Council are now offering as an alternative a hot and cold packed lunch menu. This will still provide children with hot food but in packed lunch form and includes things like burgers, fish finger wraps, chicken and stuffing barmcakes and cheese and onion slices. A full 3-week menu has been sent home with this newsletter. Children can place their order each day when they register in the morning and the cost remains the same at £2.30.



## Reception photographs

It has been lovely to see how quickly our reception children have settled into school life. As always we have had class photos taken as a memento. Order forms have been sent home today please complete and return to the school office by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

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## Testing

If children develop any of the main symptoms of Covid-19 (a temperature, continuous cough or loss of taste or smell) then they cannot come to school. The guidance clearly states that in these instances they should get a test but disappointingly there does not seem to be the capacity to get these at the moment, especially if you cannot drive to other parts of the county. This means that your child and other family members have to isolate for 10 days (with symptoms) and 14 days (without symptoms) and **MUST** not return to school before that even when symptoms have gone. I know that this is extremely frustrating but we must follow the guidance. Hopefully more tests will become available which will ease the problem and enable children to return to school sooner.

## Learners of the Week

Well done to the following for working hard in their class this week: **Darcie Smith, Hugo Forrest, Blake Higham, Abigail Foster, Zara Muirhead, Millie Liles, Alfie Gardner, Ryan Eatock, Freddie Austin, Nevaeh Pipes**

## Stars of the Week

The following children have been awarded star of the week for being helpful: **Martyna Piorkowska, Brooke Benetton, Riley Watkinson, Aliza Asif, Ruby Taylor, Poppy Southward, Alexander Newton, Ruben Dyer, Logan Futter, Aishah Afzal**

## Happy Birthday

We wished a happy birthday today to **Ruben Dyer, Katie Forshaw, Abigail Foster, Ellie Connolly**

## Class Dojo points

Cherry class earned the most Dojo points this week. They earned 278 positive points and 112 negative points. They will receive a class reward next week.



Attendance Matters - Whole School Target 96%+ Well Done											
	Ash	Elm	Hazel	Beech	Maple	Pine	Cherry	Rowan	Syc	Willow	Overall
Week	92.9	99.6	99.2	96.3	97.2	89.7	97.8	96.5	98.3	97.9	96.3
Term	95.8	98.8	97.8	95.6	98	93.8	98.7	97.3	94.6	97.6	96.4
Year	95.8	98.8	97.8	95.6	98	93.8	98.7	97.3	94.6	97.6	96.4

Well done to **Elm** class who had the best attendance this week and are also currently the best this term. Children who are isolating because they are following government guidelines do not count in our absence figures.

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