



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

## Headteacher's update

Communication with parents is increasingly more important during the current pandemic. We have lots of different ways that we are able to communicate with you - class dojo, text message, phone, the school app, Facebook and email to name a few. We would ask that you also use technology to communicate with us rather than face to face. Please try and avoid bombarding the teacher in the morning when they open the door. This makes social distancing difficult as well as confidentiality. Unless there is an emergency message that you **HAVE** to pass on when dropping off, please send this through class dojo, email or by ringing the office. Please avoid going to the office as well unless absolutely necessary and remember when you do to wear a **face mask**.

### First Aid

All staff have refreshed their first aid training over the past 2 weeks so it is a good opportunity to remind you of our procedures. If your child receives first aid treatment, the staff responsible will complete a form. We will inform you by text that your child has had a slight accident. You do not need to phone school in these instances. If it is anything more serious we will ring you to make sure that you are informed and involved in any decisions about further treatment. If your child receives a bump to the head, we will send a letter home as well.



### Individual photographs

Your child will be having their photograph taken on Wednesday. Siblings in school will have them together but unfortunately due to current restrictions we cannot have pre-school children in school this year. Please make sure your child is wearing full clean uniform. Children in Beech and Hazel who have Forest school that day should come to school in uniform with their Forest school clothes in a bag to change into.

### Hothersall Lodge

Y6 will be visiting Hothersall Lodge on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please make sure any money owed is paid prior to the trip unless you have spoken to the office and arranged a payment plan.

### Reception Class Photos

Orders and payment for Ash and Elm class photos need to be in by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### Face masks

In guidance that was released before children returned to school in September it stated that schools had the discretion to require face coverings for staff and visitors in communal areas and corridors. As a school we asked that parents and other visitors to school wore one when entering the building. Now that Lancashire is subject to local restrictions this discretion is removed. From Monday staff will wear **face coverings** when moving around school. All visitors and parents must wear a **mask** and will be challenged if they enter the building without or if they are not covering both their nose and mouth. Medical exemptions do apply so please let us know if you are unable to wear one.



### Breakfast Club

Parents should not be entering the school building when dropping their children off at Breakfast club. Please leave them at the door to make their own way in. Messages can be sent to staff via Class Dojo.



### Highfield App

We will be contacting you if you haven't yet downloaded the school app as we need you to have this for communication purposes. If you are struggling, please ring the office and they will help you.



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## NHS covid-19 app

The [NHS COVID-19 app](#) is a key part of the country's ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) response and is designed to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) by alerting people who may have been exposed to infection so that they can take action. The app is available to download for **anyone aged 16 and over** if they choose to do so. Use of the app does not replace the requirement of individuals to social distance or to report positive cases.

### Six key functions of the App

- Trace - alerts the individual if they were in close contact with a confirmed case
- Alert - provides the individual with the risk level associated with coronavirus (COVID-19) in their local area, based on the postcode district they enter
- Check in - allows the individual to check in to locations via the app and official NHS QR codes
- Symptoms - allows you to check symptoms against government guidance and to get advice
- Test - allows the individual to order a free test and to receive results and advice via the app
- Isolate - provides an isolation 'companion', which counts down how many days they have left to isolate and provides links to useful advice



## Learners of the Week

Well done to the following for working hard in their class this week: **Rhys Leniewski, Sama Baza, Laraib Farooq, Alice Hunter, Abdulbari Bazza, Muhammad Qais, Eric Melling, Ada Adamczyk, Lewis Roberts, Adam Fish**

## Stars of the Week

The following children have been awarded star of the week for being helpful: **Scarlet Mathews, Aahil Hassan, Elijah Jacob, Tolu Oyekoya, Callum Jolly, Archie Abram, Chrystal Pardon, Dylan White, Sebastian Kolasinski, Ethan Lancaster**

## Happy Birthday

We wished a happy birthday today to **Arthur Carsley, Sam Lloyd, Mohammed Usman, Sara Rozek and Zach O'Connor**

## Class Dojo points

Rowan class earned the most Dojo points this week. They earned 414 positive points and 19 negative points. They will receive a class reward next week. Well done also to Sycamore (382), Elm (373) and Willow (367).



Attendance Matters - Whole School Target 96%+ Well Done											
	Ash	Elm	Hazel	Beech	Maple	Pine	Cherry	Rowan	Syc	Willow	Overall
Week	94	97.2	99.3	94.8	96.8	93.7	99.6	96.5	98.5	98.6	96.8
Term	95.2	98.3	98.2	95.4	97.6	93.8	99	97.1	95.9	97.9	96.5
Year	95.2	98.3	98.2	95.4	97.6	93.8	99	97.1	95.9	97.9	96.5

Well done to **Cherry** 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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