



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th February

Headteacher's update

So today marks the end of this half-term. It started full of hope as 2021 dawned but then after one day we were in another lockdown and the majority of pupils have had to remain at home since. I have been delighted by the way that everyone has adapted to the new way of working. From teachers teaching online, TAs supporting pupils in school and children and parents engaging well in learning at home, the response has been incredible. We are all hopeful that in the announcement on 22nd February, the government will say it is safe for all pupils to return on 8th March. Hopefully, with vaccinations in full swing this will be the last whole school closure. Today in assembly I spoke about community and the need to face challenges with a positive mind set and a smile. However hard that feels right now, I do believe that it is the way that we will all get through this. There may be bumps in the road if we get positive cases in school but I am hopeful that the spring will finally be the start of better times ahead. For now, we must all continue to follow the rules so that infection rates continue to fall. Have a lovely, safe week off.

Half Term

We finish for half-term today and pupils who have been in school will return and remote learning for pupils at home will restart on Monday 22nd February. Hopefully on that day we will find out when all children can return to school.

Parent/Teacher conference

Thanks to all parents who took part in the phone conversations this week. Please remember to continue to keep in touch with your child's teacher through class dojo after the half-term holiday.

Captain Tom

Don't forget to continue completing your 100 challenge over half term and contributing to the just giving page in memory of Captain Tom. Pictures can be sent to your child's teacher on Dojo.

Contact tracing at half term

For any pupil who tests positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, we are being asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Should this apply to your son or daughter, it remains important to let us know by emailing covidteam@highfield-pri.lancs.sch.uk or phoning 07810384793. This will ensure we can take the necessary precautions in relation to track and trace, contacting other pupils as necessary over half-term.

Home learning survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey. We are just collating the results and will share these with you after half-term

Positive cases

Unfortunately, today we have had 2 children in school who have tested positive. The pair are related and all close contacts have been informed and will have to isolate over half-term. This shows that we do all need to continue to follow the rules to ensure that we keep the virus under control.

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Stay at Home Guidance

Just a reminder of what you must do if someone in your household has symptoms of Covid-19.

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have a positive test result but do not have [symptoms](#), stay at home and self-isolate as soon as you receive the results. Your household needs to isolate too. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, arrange to have a PCR [test](#) if you have not already had one. Stay at home while you are waiting for a home self-sampling kit, a test site appointment or a test result. Do not go to work, school, or public areas and do not use public transport or taxis.

If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19

Stay at home and self-isolate. Do not go to work, school, or public areas and do not use public transport or taxis. Your isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's [symptoms](#) started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. If you develop symptoms while you are isolating, [arrange to have a COVID-19 PCR test](#). If your test result is positive, follow the advice for people with COVID-19 to stay at home and start a further full 10 day isolation period. This begins when your symptoms started, regardless of where you are in your original 10 day isolation period. This means that your total isolation period will be longer than 10 days. If other household members develop symptoms during this period, you do not need to isolate for longer than 10 days.

For more information, please read PHE's 'Stay at Home' guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Learners of the Week

Well done to the following for working hard this week: **Freddie Austin, Lily-Mai Russell, Lance Overell, Millie Liles, Maham Farooq, Arthur Carsley, Hamza Haman, Zayn Aslam, Chrystal Pardon & Muhammad Qais**

Happy Birthday

We wished a happy birthday today to **Jessica Jolly, Daisy Burke, Oliver Prior, Victoria Adamczyk, David Rozek, Kiera Whittaker, Ali Akman & Sofia Moroney**

After School Club

This week we have been covering after school club because the Nursery has been closed. Thank you to Mrs Purcell, Miss Morrissey and Mrs Makinson for providing supervision for the pupils.

Stars of the Week

The following children have been awarded star of the week for showing the value of belonging: **Cameron Bayman, Mila Moorcroft, Alexander Newton, Casie Benetton, Evah Rowe, Brooke Bennetton, Paige Boyle, Lewis Roberts, Isaac Cooper & Logan Draper**

STAY AT HOME 

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