

Newsletter October 2020



Staffing update

We are pleased to welcome Mr Richardson to our school team. He is the teacher for Class L while Ms Phillips is acting headteacher.

You will by now be aware Mrs Richardson is expecting a baby in the New Year. She will be leaving the classroom at half term. Miss Hardie will be class teacher for M after half term. She has already met all the children.

Coronavirus – self isolating

The Health Protection Team in Lincolnshire is concerned to hear of a number of cases where parents have tested positive for coronavirus but their children have not been self-isolating (not in our school as far as we are aware). They have asked schools to communicate to parents that if any member of a child's household displays any of the symptoms of coronavirus (but has not yet had a test result) **or** has tested positive then they **MUST** self-isolate.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

As with previous correspondence, if we have any confirmed cases in school we will follow Lincolnshire Health Protection Team's direction and keep you informed.

Pick up and drop off

Please can we remind parents that after dropping off their children in the morning to move away from the school gates and footpath to allow other parents and children to get to the gate whilst social distancing. The same at pick up time.

Attendance

If your family needs to self-isolate this does not affect your child's attendance. All other attendance is recorded as normal.

Parents Evening

Due to Covid19 instead of parents evening we will be sending out a mini report by Friday 6th November. If you wish to discuss the report further then contact school to arrange a meeting or phone call.

Remote learning

If school has to close or a bubble closes the teachers will deliver remote learning via Microsoft Teams. More information will follow shortly. If your child is at home self-isolating, work will be emailed to parents.

Parents entering school

If parents come through the front gate we are asking you to wear a face mask, whether it is to drop something in at the office, collect a child or meet with a teacher. Please make sure all adults who drop off or collect your child, are aware of this.

Visors for school staff

In these changing times we have reviewed our policy regarding visors in school, along with many other primary schools. From now on if a member of staff is meeting with a parent, they will wear a visor, if they are in a small room. You may see some staff wearing visors at the school gate. Staff may wear visors in school if they are carrying out personal care, 1:1 intervention work or other close contact face to face work.

Sporting Activities Thursday 22nd October

We have booked a company to come and carry out dance and martial arts workshops with the children. The instructors will be following current guidelines. Each class will get a chance to do both. Children need to come to school in their school PE t-shirt with joggers/leggings, school sweatshirt/cardigan and keep it on all day. They all need to wear trainers.

Children in Need

Friday 13th November is Children in Need and we will be having a non-uniform day to raise money. We will be holding activities all week as the theme this year is 'five to thrive' which is a programme of well-being activities and builds on the well-being work we did last year.

There will be a bucket at the gate for children to put their donations in.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

School aims to have a Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day on Wednesday 16th December. Christmas lunch will be served in two sittings, KS1 then KS2. All children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day, or any red/green/party top. School skirts/trousers need to be worn. We will be asking for donations of £1 towards a charity.

School Uniform

Please will all parents check all items of school uniform is named. Where uniform has been swapped/handed down/sold on, can we ask parents to make sure the uniform their child wears has their name in it and not the name of the previous owner.

PE Kit

All children need their school PE Kit in school from Monday to Friday. Plimsolls are not required for any children but trainers are, along with joggers and sweatshirts for the colder weather.

Phonics Screening Check Year 2 children

Year 2 children will take their phonics screening test in November as they missed it in May.

Flu Vaccine

The NHS are delivering their flu immunisation programme to primary schools later this year. You have received an email from school with the link to the website to register your child. Please note you have to register for your child to receive the vaccine. The NHS are very keen for all parents to consider having their child vaccinated this year.

Contacting the Office

Don't forget you can contact the school office either by phone or email. Access may be physically restricted but we are still here to assist you in any way we can.

Learning from home

We are pleased to say that you and your child can still access the Discovery Education Coding service and award-winning Discovery Education Espresso service from home. We use both services in school to help motivate, engage and support learning in the classroom. Now your child can continue to enjoy what they have been doing at school, and you can be involved in their learning at home.

To access Discovery Education Coding and Espresso from home;

- go to www.discoveryeducation.co.uk
- click the 'Login' button in the top right corner
- select 'Espresso' or 'Coding'
- enter the student username and password.

Student username: student20035
Password: mareham

We hope you will find Discovery Education Espresso and Discovery Education Coding useful as a resource to extend your child's learning. If you have any further questions about how to use the service, please speak to your child's teacher.

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Diary Dates

October

22nd Thursday: Primary Workshops are coming to school for the day to deliver a dance and martial arts workshop. Children to come in school PE t-shirt with joggers/leggings, school sweatshirt/cardigan and keep it on all day. They all need to wear trainers.

School Finishes on Thursday 22nd October for half term. We return on Monday 2nd November

November

11th Wednesday: Each class will have their own Remembrance Day service

13th Friday: Children in Need – non uniform day

19th Thursday: NSPCC are delivering assemblies to the whole school. Further details to follow nearer the time

December

17th Thursday: Last day of term. We return Monday 4th January 2021

Term dates for 2020/21 are on the school website.