



FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2022

It's been wonderful to see children playing together on the playground again after being in bubbles for so long. We have also enjoyed some assemblies together in the hall. It's great to be able to move forward. We do, however, still have COVID cases in school and we'd ask you to be vigilant with possible symptoms.

Mrs Frampton

Jubilee Wood appeal

All children have now planted a tree and we are really pleased to be welcoming local businesses to plant a tree in our wood too. If you would like to sponsor a tree please visit [Jubilee Wood Appeal \(donatemyschool.com\)](https://donatemyschool.com/jubilee-wood-appeal) If you cannot sponsor a tree yourself, please share the link far and wide!

Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs Cutler who has joined our Admin Team and Mrs Adlam who is joining us as an Academic Mentor working in Y6. This mentor role is funded by the DfE as part of the post COVID catch up plan. We are really pleased to welcome them both as part of our school family.

Science Week

We have had a fantastic week of science across the school. You can see lots of photos of the activities on Twitter. Thank you to Mrs Maddison for organising such a good week. We hope you enjoyed visiting the exhibition this afternoon. It was wonderful to welcome you back to school again!

Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Thank you to all parents who were able to donate. The children spent some time today learning about the important work of Comic Relief. We will let you know how much we have raised in our next Newsletter.

Update from HC3S, our catering provider

Our award-winning caterer, HC3S have published their new primary school menu that starts after the half term break. You can view the new menu on our school website. You can also download the new three-week cycle menu resources by visiting their website <https://bit.ly/3gvRwPs> Look out for new dishes and those staples that are firm favourites with pupils

Staff training

School is closed to pupils on Monday 21st March for staff training.

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Attendance

Thank you to those parents who met with us over the last couple of weeks to make a plan to improve their child's attendance. We do understand that COVID has had a huge impact this year and that children seem to be catching more bugs than normal.

Please remember to contact the school if your child is absent. You can press 1 when you call to leave a message, use your Marvellous Me app or email the school office.

Thank you

Annual Reports

Your child will have brought home their annual report today. Please email your child's class teacher if you have any immediate questions. You will be offered a parent consultation slot in the week before the Easter holidays — more details to follow.

Class emails

We are really pleased parents are finding it helpful to be able to directly email the teachers to ask questions. Please remember a few things:

- Teachers will only check emails and respond in working hours
- If you have an urgent question or concern please email the office
- The email is there to ask questions or pass information across. If you have concerns or complaints, please email the office or call the school

More COVID changes

We have really enjoyed returning to having two of our assemblies a week together in the school hall. Hearing the children sing altogether after so long was quite emotional!

We have also removed the year group areas on the playground so children can play across year groups.

Staff have also returned to one staffroom which has been very welcome.

We do continue to have some pupil cases in school and they are staying off school in line with Public Health guidance.

Date of next newsletter — 1st April 2022

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