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11th March 2021

Nurturing each and all. Guiding, Trusting, Inspiring and Celebrating

Dear families,

Welcome back! What a joy it was to open the gates on Monday morning and welcome everybody in. I am pleased to report that your children have coped incredibly well and you should be extremely proud with how well they have adapted. They have returned with their usual high standards of behaviour, enthusiasm and engagement and with great attitudes to learning. It really is a pleasure to have our school community back together again.

Please can I remind you that although we are open and running, we are still in lockdown and therefore can I request that you continue to follow the Government guidelines, outside of school, to prevent us from closing bubbles. Thank you for social distancing at the gates and wearing face coverings. Please can I ask that you stand on the other side of the road if you wish to converse with each other to keep the gate access clear.



Red Nose Day

Friday March 19th is Red Nose Day. This is a charity that we support in school and raises money for people in need in the United Kingdom and Africa. Red Nose Day happens every two years on the second or third Friday in March. In the past 30 years, the event has raised over £1 billion.

Whilst we are wishing to support this event, we are also very aware of the threat of Covid within the community and our priority is to keep the school open. Therefore, we are requesting that children do not bring their red noses into school. We cannot ensure that noses will remain on the correct noses and this is a prime spreading point. You are welcome to use face paints to create a red nose.

We are encouraging children to come to school dressed as superheroes or to wear something red in return for £1 donation.

Our value this term is Respect. In the words of Dr Seuss, "A person's a person no matter how small." We will be thinking about how we earn respect and what respect looks like.

Respect, Honesty, Friendship, Compassion, Thankfulness, Wisdom

Home testing kits to support the return to school

The government has announced that all households, with primary age children, will be encouraged to start regular twice-weekly rapid lateral flow testing. The following link provides you with National information:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=16f2f8fa-e677-4d06-a24b-ea604e02c92a&utm_content=immediately

Tests are now available for **adults** to begin testing. To order online, please follow this link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. Tests can be delivered to your home or collected at a local **symptomatic PCR test site**. These PCR sites are where people go to get tested when they have symptoms of COVID-19 and, because of that, collection of these home test kits is set for 1pm - 7pm when testing of symptomatic people will not be taking place.

The closest PCR testing site is Woodford Way car park, Witney, OX28 6JS.

You do not need to make an appointment, but you can check online <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/> to see if the site is open or busy, before you go.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and fingers crossed that Mother's Day on Sunday brings nice surprises or at least beautiful cards!

Please stay safe and take care.

Best wishes,

Catherine Souck.

