



'Bringing out the best in every child'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful half term we have had! The children have come back to school with smiles on their faces and ready to learn. It has been so lovely to have them all back in school and watch them playing with their friends. Thank you for your continued support.

COVID-19 Reminders:

If anyone in your household tests positive, all the household must isolate for 10 days, including the children. If someone in your household has symptoms, they need to go for a PCR test and everyone must isolate until the results come back. If they are positive, everyone must isolate. If they are negative, the children can return to school. **Please do not send your child to school if someone in the household has symptoms and is waiting for test results. This includes siblings.**

Once the test results have come back, we ask that you email the office a copy of the test results. This needs to include the date of the test.

If your child has to go for a test, please email the office **as soon as you get the results**, even if it's negative. This is so we know whether or not we have to ask close contacts to isolate. Please use the office email to send the results through.

I will be sending a more detailed letter this week about reporting positive cases over the Easter holidays.

Sickness Absence

If your child is not attending school because they are unwell. Please call the school office. If it is outside office hours, you can leave a message on the answerphone and we will pick it up as soon as the office opens.

High School Places

All the children in Year 6 who applied for a High School place, within the timescale, will have now received an offer. It was really pleasing to see that **96% of the Year 6 children got their first choice of secondary school, with 86% choosing to go to Wardle Academy**. At a time when I know there is concern about the availability of places at the local school, this was good to see.

Driving on the Lane

I am sorry that I have to write this again but we continue to receive complaints about members of the school community driving too fast along the lane. This puts those who are walking along the lane at risk. For the safety of the whole school community, please drive along the lane safely and with courtesy towards those who are on foot.

Face Masks

Rochdale LA requests that all parent/carers who are dropping off or picking up from school wear a face mask. As a school, we follow this guidance and all staff wear a face mask when they are in communal areas and during drop off and pick up times (unless they are medically exempt.) For the health and safety of the whole school community, we ask this of everyone. Unless you are medically exempt, we request that you wear a face mask on the school grounds **at all times and this must cover the nose and mouth**.

We ask that you also adhere to social distancing rules. We will ensure that both the main gates are open at the start and end of the day to allow Year 1 parents and carers to access the waiting area.

Please bear in mind that Rochdale has the highest infection rate in Greater Manchester and we need to continue do everything we can to reduce the spread (week ending March 12th 123.2 with a rise of 5%)

Head Boy and Girl

Last week we held the interviews for our Year 6 Head Boy and Head Girl roles. Once again, we were absolutely blown away with how eloquently the children spoke and how passionate they are about supporting the school. It was such a hard decision! All the children were an absolute credit to you and our school. In the end, we did have to make a decision! Congratulations to Lottie Peacocke and Aryan Amit who were given the Head Girl and Boy roles. Congratulations also needs to be given to Summer Hoyle and Grace Jackson who were successful in becoming Deputy Head Girls, Leia Barton who is the whole school Eco Leader and Annabel Crooks who is our Friendship Ambassador. I know they will all be fantastic in their roles and we are incredibly proud of them!

PTFA AGM

The PTFA AGM will take place on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.30pm. It will be held remotely. If you have any questions about the meeting, you can contact the PTFA on: lcpsptfa@gmail.com Although the PTFA have been unable to hold any of the usual fundraising events over the past year, they have still contributed to the Christmas fun and craft days and provided funds for literacy and maths prizes. Hopefully, if restrictions are eased in the future, they can be more active again - but they do need people to help! Jackie is definitely stepping down so they will also need a new Chair. The zoom link will be sent out via ParentMail before the meeting.

Targets

All children are usually given targets after Christmas. This year, due to school closure, we have waited until the children return and have had chance to settle in. As we finish for Easter, children will bring home their targets for next term. These targets detail which aspects of reading, writing and maths your child will be working on when they return after Easter. If you do wish to discuss these targets, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher by either email or phone.

Edstart

Due to the success of their last visit in autumn and in our commitment to the wellbeing of our children, we have used a portion of our government catch up grant to pay for Edstart to come into school and run their Wellbeing through Sport programme. The sessions will begin after the Easter holidays and a separate letter with further details will follow in due course.

Uniform

Further to my previous correspondence, I have asked that children return to school in their uniform. I recognise that as non-essential retailers remain closed, it may be difficult for children to attend in their 'full' uniform. **If non-essential retailers do open as planned on the 12th April, I ask that all children return to school after Easter in their 'full' uniform. This includes black school shoes.**

Dates for your Diary

01.04.21 - Finish for Easter

19.04.21 – Return to School

22.04.21 – Year 3 swimming begins

03.05.21 – Bank Holiday Monday

27.05.21 – Break up for half term.

Please note that Friday 28.05.21 is a staff training day and as such the school will be closed to all children.

07.06.21 – Return to school

I wish you all a happy and healthy Easter break.

Mrs L A Woodman