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#### Newsletter 02

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#### **Important Dates**

Week Beginning 21st September—Hot lunch menu resumes from Lunchtime company.

### This Week...

Another week has passed and the children have continued to be amazing in their new routines and learning. I can't believe that we have actually been back two full weeks already! It has certainly been a week that has thrown some interesting questions at me which I never thought I would have to consider when taking up the role of Headteacher. Proof that a school is definitely a learning environment for us all!!

If you have not already received a pack, we will be sending home a welcome letter from each Class Teacher and a copy of the class timetable. These will also be available on the school website.

As you will be aware, cases are on the rise nationally. I am very pleased that the vast majority of parents are supporting the school in our safety measures for drop off and collection.

To ensure the safety of everyone, please be reminded:

- To keep social distancing of at least 1m, 2m where possible.
- Only one family member should be dropping the children off to help with social distancing.
- Please keep to allocated time slots.
- If you are in the second group (individual children) please do not arrive before your time slot to wait. This will help avoid the amount of adults outside on the pavements.
- If you are in the first group (families), please do not gather outside the school on the pavement after drop off or collection, this is to help avoid the congestion on the pavements for the next set of parents.
- To wear a face mask if coming into the school office
- To use the class or school email to pass on general information, rather than approach adults in the playground. Emergencies should be via telephone communication to the school office.

I thank you all for your continued support and wish you a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Munday Headteacher

### Covid-19 Related Absence from school – a Quick Guide for Parents

What should I do if?	Action needed
My child is feeling ill with Covid-19 symptoms of: <b>a high temperature</b> – this means your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back <b>a new, continuous cough</b> – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours	<b>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</b> The whole household must self-isolate. Your child will need to isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms; the rest of the household should isolate for 14 days.
a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means your child cannot smell or taste any- thing, or things smell or taste different to normal. Most children with Covid-19 have at least one of these	You should book a test for your child using this link <u>here</u> , or by phoning 119.
symptoms.	Please note - <u>only</u> the person with symptoms should be tested and there is no need for others in the household to have a test, unless they also have any of the symptoms mentioned.
	Make sure you tell the school immediately about the result of the test.
My child is feeling ill with <b>other symptoms</b> such as a sore throat, runny nose or a headache.	You should act in the same way as you would have done before the pandemic. This may involve sending your child to school or keeping them at home, de- pending on the nature and severity of symptoms. Of course you should seek medical advice via your GP or NHS direct on 111 if you would normally do so.
	Please note – if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of this, as is normal policy.
Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms	DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.
	The whole household must self-isolate and the person with symptoms should book a test using this link <u>here</u> , or by phoning 119.
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19	DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.
	The whole household should isolate for 14 days. The person who has tested positive must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours.
Someone in my household with symptoms tests <b>nega-</b> <b>tive</b> for Covid-19	Your child can return to school, assuming they are well, and no one in the household or support bubble has any further Covid-19 symptoms.
My child tests <b>positive</b> for Covid-19	DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.
	Your child must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours. The rest of the household should isolate for 14 days.
My child tests <b>negative</b> for Covid-19 (test done when the child had symptoms)	Your child can return to school, assuming they are well, and no one in the household or support bubble has any Covid-19 symptoms.

# Important Information ...

#### Flu Immunisation Programme

Letters were sent to all parents this week via ParentMail on Monday. Please contact the school office if you have not received a letter, or you are having problems with ParentMail.

You must use the link to an online portal within the letter to <u>accept or decline</u> the nasal flu immunisation for your child. The portal will close on 30th September 2020.

#### ParentPay

Please remember school meals are £2.35 per day per child from Year 3 (Purple Class). *Please help us by making sure that funds are on ParentPay for all Meals before school on that day*. Unfortunately, due to debts incurred in the last academic year, if your account is in arrears, then we may write to you to request your child brings in packed lunches until the debt is cleared.

ParentPay can be set to automatically send you an email when your balance reaches a pre-set amount (choose communications and then alerts to set this to your chosen amount).

#### ParentMail

We are using ParentMail to communicate information to parents and carers more and more, please ensure you advise us of any changes to your contact details. Please contact the school office if you are having any problems with Parentmail, or if you require paper copies.

#### Free School Meal Entitlement

We understand that the times we are living in continue to be uncertain and challenging. Alongside this, many families are facing changes in their financial circumstances. If you believe that you now meet the following criteria, please complete an online application <u>www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals</u> to receive an instant response;

- Income Support.
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)) that does not exceed £16,190.
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week.
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (as from 1 April 2018).

Making an application is quick and simple to do using our online form which can be found at <u>www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals</u>. In most cases an instant response is received at the end of the application.

If you have recently applied for free school meals, you need not re-apply, as we will continue to re-check your details for entitlement regularly and will notify you should you become re-eligible.

If you have any queries in relation to free school meals entitlement contact our Education Welfare Benefits Team, on <a href="https://www.ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk">www.ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</a> or telephone them on 01223 703200.

# Important Information continued...

#### Moving on to high school—information for Y6 Parents

The process to apply for secondary school places for Y6 children for September 2021 is now open.

Links for the online application process are shown below for Cambridgeshire and Norfolk. You must apply via your **home address local authority** (where you pay your Council Tax to) for transferring from Primary to Secondary school.

The application process will close on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. It is important that you make your applications on time to ensure the best opportunity of obtaining one of your three school preferences. You should receive your offer on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

This is the link to the Cambridgeshire online application process :-

https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school

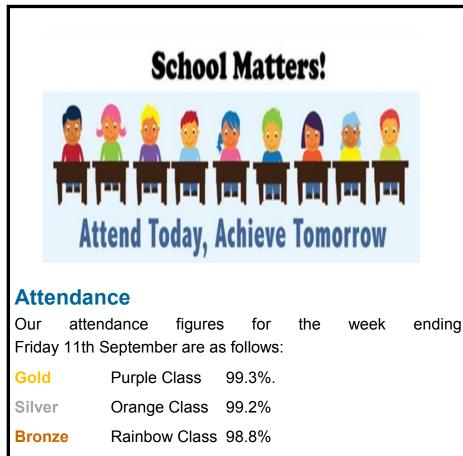
If you do not wish to make your Cambridgeshire application online, paper application forms are available on request by calling 0345 045 1370. If you have any questions about the application or online processes, please refer to the booklet on the website "Next Steps - Starting Secondary School; a guide for parents 2021-22"

This is the link to the Norfolk online application process:-

https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/transfer-to-secondary-school

If you do not wish to make your application online, there is a form available to download and also a 'parents' guide to admissions'. There is also an online 'contact us' form option.

## Awards and Celebrations....



The winner of the 100% attendance prize for week ending Friday 11th September is Riley B in Purple Class.



Good luck to Harry in Yellow Class who is travelling on Sunday to play for Peterborough United against Tottenham Hotspur.



# Dates for your diary - New events shown in bold

30th September	Flu Vaccination Portal closes for parent consent/decline
13th October	Flu Vaccinations in school—School Immunisation Team
16th October	Last order date for uniform from TL Productions for delivery before half term
19th October	Tempest Photography—Individual Photographs
21st October	Delivery of uniform from TL Productions to school
23rd October	Break for half term
31st October	Online application for Y6 high school places for 2021 closes
2nd November	Return to school
4th December	Last order date for uniform from TL Productions for delivery before Christmas break
16th December	Delivery of uniform from TL Productions to school
18th December	Break for Christmas holiday
5th January	Return to school
12th February	Break for February half term
22nd February	Return to school
12th March	Last order date for uniform from TL Productions for delivery before Easter break
24th March	Delivery of uniform from TL Productions to school
26th March	Break for Easter holiday
13th April	Return to school
3rd May	Bank Holiday - May Day
28th May	Break for half term
8th June	Return to school
25th June	Last order date for uniform from TL Productions for delivery before end of school year
19th July	Delivery of uniform from TL Productions to school
22nd July	Last day of term, break for summer holiday.
24th August	Last order date for uniform from TL Productions for delivery in September
7th September	Delivery of uniform from TL Productions to school