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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. I hope you all had a good Christmas, were able to enjoy time with family / friends and remained safe and well. Some new families have joined us this term and we wish them a warm welcome to our school.

The spring term has got off to a great start and the children have been enjoying the immersion days to hook them into their new topics and learning journeys. These have included Polar Explorer Day in Year 6, Forest School in Year 4 and a suspected visit from a troll in Year 1!

Celebration of learning

Year group celebration of learning presentations for last term are now available to view via our website. Please go to News and Events > Celebration of Learning > Autumn 2021. We hope you enjoy watching them!

Covid-19 Risk Assessment

Government guidance is changing almost daily at the moment and it can be challenging to keep up with the new rules and recommendations.

The most recent change is that from Monday 17th January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.



Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Our school risk assessment has been reviewed and is published on our website under School Information > Covid-19 Risk assessments and outbreak management plan.

Curriculum guides and homework

Curriculum guides and homework for this half term were published yesterday. Curriculum guides were sent out via ParentMail and homework in hard copy via the children. Hard copies of all documents are available from the main reception area and can also be downloaded from our website. Both documents include lots of important information, including key dates and events, so do take the time to read them and if you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher.

Staffing news

This term we have welcomed several new members of staff to our team. Mrs Radley is teaching Cherry Class in Year 6. Miss Hodges and Miss Miller are new Learning Support Assistants in Year 1 and EYFS, and Mrs Lyons and Miss Peters have joined us as Midday Meal Supervisors. Mrs Weston has also been appointed internally as Speech and Language Teaching Assistant and Miss Hills as Learning Support Assistant.

Mrs Holford (Learning Support Assistant) has made the difficult decision to resign from her part-time role here as she has been offered a full time position in her other job. Her last day will be Friday 4th February. We thank her for all she has contributed to our school during her time in post and wish her all the best for the future.

I also want to provide an update on Mrs Strong (Deputy Headteacher). I have been in regular (almost daily!) touch with her and she is recovering well following her treatment for lymphoma and hopes to be able to return to work next month. Mrs Strong will have to have some further time off to attend hospital appointments and may possibly need more treatment in the future. I will keep you up to date with her progress once we know more. In the meantime, I am sure you and the children will give her a warm welcome back - we can't wait to see her after all this time!

And finally, after an emotional farewell to Mrs Palmer (HLTA, class cover and lead First Aider) at the end of last term, she has asked me to share the following message with you all:

"I would like to say an enormous thank you to parents who wrote such kind words in my virtual card. I am also very grateful for the generous contributions towards my leaving gift - I was totally overwhelmed. I would also like to say a huge thank you for the many gifts I received on my last day - it was an extremely emotional day. I will take with me such fond memories of my years at Summerlea and feel my ties are too great for me to just walk away - so don't be surprised if you see me in school listening to readers or helping on a school trip! Thank you again."

Therapeutic Thinking

Mrs Galpin (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs Viney (Inclusion Leader) have recently undertaken a three-day training course in Therapeutic Thinking which forms part of the Local Authority's SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2019-24. Training was disseminated to staff on our January INSET day and we are now in the process of reviewing our behaviour policy so that it reflects the key principles of a therapeutic approach to behaviour management and support. As part of this, we will be consulting with parents, pupils and staff before so watch this space for further information!

Healthy snacks

We have noticed that some children are not having a healthy snack at break times and are instead eating items such as crisps and chocolate bars. Teachers have reminded children about the importance of healthy eating and having a suitable snack. The School Pupil Council have

also reviewed our healthy snack and packed lunch policy which is available to view on our website under School Information > Policies. Thank you for your support with this.

School uniform

Thank you for continuing to ensure your child/ren come to school wearing the correct uniform / PE kit. A reminder that, as per our uniform policy, for Health and Safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are one pair of plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears, jewellery of a religious nature and a watch. Stud ear-rings should be removed or recently pierced ears should be taped over with a plaster (provided by parents/carers) for PE and swimming and watches removed to prevent them causing injury. Please note: staff do not put ear studs etc. back in if the child cannot manage them.

Medicines in school

Please ensure that if your child requires medicine in school that this is brought in via the school office and not their classroom. This includes inhalers etc. Thank you.

Road safety

Please ensure you are parking respectfully and safely in the surrounding residential areas. Please also take particular care on the Worthing Road as I know it gets very busy at the start and end of the school day. Crossing over closer to the school, at the crossing point beyond the roundabout at the end of Windsor Road, can help to alleviate congestion.

Clubs

A reminder that clubs start next week for children in Years 1 to 6.

INSET Day reminder

This term we have one INSET day on Monday 28th February, which is the first day back after half term. School will be closed this day to all children whilst staff take part in training.

I hope you have a good weekend and that we see some more sunshine.

Yours sincerely

Helen Morris

Headteacher



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(sibling discount is available)**

**To express your interest, please contact Sinead Ayling via email
Sinead.Ayling@hotmail.co.uk**

**TO ALL PARENTS: We also hold an adult Irish dancing session for all
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