

KIRKBYMOORSIDE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

19th November 2020

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COVID

We have had a member of staff that has tested positive for Covid in school. The person has been isolating for a number of weeks and has had no contact with anyone in school from the point of becoming infected to the present. We have spoken to the DfE and are confident that no further action is required.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

As mentioned on last week's newsletter and following email, we will be inviting all children to come to school on **Friday 27th November** wearing either non-uniform or a Christmas jumper. (Please do not worry if your child does not have a Christmas jumper, non-uniform is fine!) We would be grateful if, rather than giving a money donation, all children could contribute to a raffle prize.

As this will be a Rainbow Raffle, each class have been allocated a different colour and, if at all possible, it would be lovely to collect items from each class in that particular colour. Please do not worry if you can't - any item will be gratefully received.

Year 6 - red

Year 5 - orange

Year 4 - yellow

Year 3 - green

Year 2 - blue

Year 1 - indigo or dark blue/ purple

Early Years - violet or light purple/pink

CHILDREN IN NEED / POPPY APPEAL

Thank you all for your kind donations last week. The amazing sum of £357 will be split between the two charities.

REMINDER

Tea towel orders along with payment need to be in by Friday 27th November. Thank you.

RAINBOW RAFFLE TICKETS

Please could we have all raffle ticket stubs, money and any unsold tickets sent in by Monday 7th December.

If you could possibly sell more tickets, please let the school office know and we will send you some. Thank you.

GIFT STALL

The Friends of School have organised a Christmas gift stall. The children will have an opportunity to buy a Christmas gift for £1.50 on Thursday 10th December 2020. If children wish to buy a gift on this day, please could they remember to bring their money. If sufficient gifts are left, there will be an opportunity to buy further ones.

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LA COVID UPDATE

The following are our current guidelines that we have been asked to remind parents:

Please ensure that you maintain social distancing from others when dropping off and collecting your child from our school. Please follow any guidance issued by us to help with this e.g. only one adult per family should enter school grounds to drop off or collect.

- For those travelling by car we ask that you wait in your car until your specific drop off time. This will reduce the amount of people assembling in and around the school grounds and will help with social distancing.

- We recommend that all parents/carers entering the school premises (and in other congested areas around school premises) wear a face covering in addition to social distancing. This an extra safeguard to reduce the transmission of the virus. Please note that this does not apply to those who are medically exempt.

- You must keep at least two metres apart from other parents/carers at all times. Where you are unable to do so, wear a face covering.

Messages for your parents/carers to talk to their children about

- Please remind your child about our policy on face coverings.

- Limit the number of people they walk to/from school with.

- Remind your child about continuing to socially distance during lunchtimes e.g. if they are allowed out of school.

- Please remind your child to leave school in a timely manner to avoid social contacts.

- Please make sure your child attends school in usual uniform with an appropriate coat for winter conditions.

- Please remember the school 'bubbles' do not apply outside of school (i.e. children should avoid mixing with friends outside of school, even if they are in the same 'bubble' at school).

Message to pass on to parents/carers about self-isolation

If you are self-isolating

- Please ensure that if you or a member of your family has Covid symptoms or has been asked to self-isolate (e.g. if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive) that you and your household follow the self-isolation guidelines.

- Please do not send a child to school if they or a member of their household has symptoms, or if they have been asked to self-isolate.

- Please follow the national guidance:

- o For individuals who have tested positive or who live in the same household as someone who is positive for covid-19: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

- o For close contacts who do NOT live in the same household:

- If you require any further support (e.g. shopping, medication) whilst you are self-isolating please visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/help-you-during-coronavirus-covid-19> for further information.

Messages for parents/carers on current lockdown restrictions

- The new national restrictions can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

- In summary:

- o You can leave home for education (formal provision, rather than extracurricular classes such as music or drama tuition,) training, registered childcare and children's activities that are necessary to allow parents/carers to work, seek work, or undertake education or training.

Parents can still take their children to school, and people can continue existing arrangements for contact between parents and children where they live apart.

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You and your children must not meet people socially. However, you can exercise or meet in a public, outdoors space with people you live with, your support bubble (or as part of a childcare bubble), or with one other person.

There are several ways that parents and carers can continue to access childcare during the national restrictions <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#childcare-and-childrens-activities>

YOUTH SPORT TRUST

The Youth Sport Trust have taken the steps to deliver a free virtual after school club as part of a national response to the second lockdown. The 30 minute club will take place at 5 p.m. each weekday and be led by a different member of the YST's athlete mentor network. The After School Sport Club will run until December 18th. Children can take part by visiting their YouTube channel - <http://www.youtube.com/user/YouthSportTrust>

Aimed mainly at primary-aged children, a different theme has been assigned for each day of the club - Adventure Monday, Tuesday Play, Wild Wednesday, Thinking Thursday and Fun Friday. The YST hope that this will provide support, capacity and inspiration to sit alongside the other great work and offers that are available for schools and children and young people to engage in.

APPLE JUICE SALES

Thank you to everyone who supported school through the sale of the apple juice made with the apples picked from the school orchard. The total amount raised was £311.

KIRKBY COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Please see attached the poster regarding the opening of the Kirkby Community Fridge on 25th November from 10a.m to 1 p.m.

Well done to the poster winner - Ava Gamble and the Logo winner - Erin Hellewell. A big well done to everyone else who entered a design; they were all fabulous.

EASY FUNDRAISING AND AMAZON SMILE

Don't forget you can donate money to school through shopping via easyfundraising.org.uk and smile.amazon.co.uk - Please see instructions how to do this on the attached posters. Thank you.

ROTARY CLUB COMPETITIONS

Pickering and District Rotary Club would like to invite students to enter two competitions - Young Writer and Young Photographer. Please see the competition details sent with this newsletter.

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WATER BOTTLES

Please can we remind everyone that they should bring their own water bottle to school. Due to Covid, our water fountains are out of action and we are unable to provide bottles of water.

JAM JARS

If anyone has any empty jam jars, please could they be sent into school for Year 6 before December. These will be quarantined appropriately before use.