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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Autumn Term 2 – Principal’s Newsletter**

Firstly, can I thank you for your support over recent days. It has been a trying time for the whole community and we really appreciate the messages of support we have received.

I will continue to update you, if and when there are any further incidents of positive test results.

#### **Self-Isolation:**

Can I just remind everyone that if someone (adult or child) is self-isolating because they have either had a positive test or if they are an identified contact of someone who has had a positive test, it is a legal requirement that they stay at home and self-isolate.

#### **Face Masks:**

Linked to the above, a number of parents have recently asked whether they should be wearing face masks in and around the school gates. You will have noticed that staff are all wearing masks in communal areas such as when present at the front of the school.

I would strongly recommend, especially in the current climate, that family members do wear face masks, to protect themselves and everyone else around them. This is of course a personal choice that I cannot enforce but would urge you to give this thoughtful consideration.

#### **Water Leak:**

Can I also thank you for your support last week, in terms of the action we had to take due to our water leak. It is very unusual to have to close the school early but it was a unique situation. I am pleased to say that the time was used productively and successfully by the team and the bulk of the work was completed which should prevent any further disruption.

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### **Children in Need Day:**

As a consequence of the water leak, we will be holding our Children in Need day on **Friday 20 November**. I am conscious of the difficulty and expense of buying clothes, especially for this event this year, so I am suggesting that children wear their own clothes for the day, rather than having a particular fancy dress theme. If children want to follow the spotty theme and they have particular outfits, they are very welcome to wear them. Children are invited to bring a £1.00 donation on the day which we will send to the national Children in Need fund. Teachers will collect this from them on Friday morning.

### **Odd Socks Day:**

There were many wonderful displays of odd socks yesterday – well done to everyone! As mentioned, this is part of our work this week to celebrate diversity and the rights of everyone to be different. This ties in with the national anti-bullying campaign and children will be doing linked activities throughout the week.

### **House Captain Elections:**

Last week, we participated in a number of activities to coincide with UK Parliament week. This included each class electing their student council representative.

This week, we will be holding our annual house captain elections. Obviously, this looks a little different to last year due to the bubbles! Therefore, the candidates have all produced short videos, where they have outlined why everyone should vote for them. These videos have been uploaded to the teachers' Frog sites and will be shared with the children later this week. Everyone will then vote for the person in their House, who they think will best represent them.

Good luck to the following Year 6 pupils who have had the courage to put themselves forward for election:

**Allerton House:** Aaron Tye; Lilly Oakland; Stefan Oancea; Freddie Guest; Tyler Gibbard and Charlie Hodson.

**Bradford House:** Liam Raithby; Isabelle Hancocks; Ivayla Ivanova and Jake Wonnacott.

**Clyfton House:** Maisie Carter; Libbie-Rose Boyes; Ollie Bale and Poppie Thompson.

**Winslow House:** Tristen Day; Tristan Beel; Zara Marcheva; Evie-Mai Kearns; Maya Khan; Riley Smaller and Charlie Bevers.



### **Phonics Screening Test:**

Every year, children in Year 1 take a national test to assess their phonics ability. This is a quick test that takes approximately 15 minutes.

As with all other national tests, these were of course, cancelled this year. However, the government have stated that all schools must complete the test during this half-term for all pupils who are now in Year 2.

The idea is to help assess where children may need some additional support, which is something that we do on a regular basis anyway.

This is just for your information, but if any parents of Year 2 children have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any general questions.

Yours faithfully



Mr A J Clark  
Principal