



Dear Parents

As we head into our final week of the school term I just want to stop for a moment and reflect.

This time last year we had to make some hard decisions about who we would and could see at Christmas. For many the time for families to visit is Christmas. This year as we see some restrictions re-imposed it is a stark reminder of where we still are in relation to this dreadful virus and not a place we thought we would still be.

Announcements this week urge people to work from home again wherever possible. What I would urge you to think about is those that have no choice to work at home; shop workers, carers, doctors, nurses, teaching personnel, refuse collectors, bus drivers, lorry drivers, firefighters and police officers just to name a few.

I see so many signs in places like doctor's surgeries and hospitals that say please do not abuse our staff or you will be removed. However, I can stand in a supermarket and see people verbally attacking staff because items they want are not available.

Please think about what it is we need rather than want. This is supposed to be the season of goodwill to all.

Have a great weekend.

April Guinness
Head Teacher



Star of the Week

Eagles: Faris
Kestrels: Lila
Kites: Ruby B
Falcons: Fia



Sports Stars

Eagles: Darcey
Kestrels: Alicia
Kites: Riley W
Falcons: Ruby

Weekly Quote

*"Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."
Maya Angelo*

E-safety

Steps you can take to help keep your child safer online

Talk about how their online actions affect others:

If your child is engaging with others online, remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something. If they are considering sharing a photo/video of somebody else, they should always ask permission first.

Attendance

The attendance target for the school is 96%, currently our whole school attendance rate is 93.81%, which is below our target. We are yet to have a day this term with 100% attendance, hopefully we can reach the milestone next week.

We understand that absence through illness is to be expected, as is absence due to COVID and awaiting PCR test results.

Children missing a few days of school here and there may not seem a big deal, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on children's learning. Children who miss a substantial amount of school fall behind their peers, and struggle to catch up.

COVID infection rates in the area are well above the average in England at the moment. It is recommended that everyone over the age of 11 in a household takes a Lateral Flow test twice a week.

Please remember that if you have any COVID symptoms you should book a PCR test.

Lateral flow tests can be ordered using this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Please do not send your child to school if they are experiencing COVID 19

Symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

School Dinners

We will have a new menu from The School Lunch Company when we return to school in January.

Menu options have now been added to SchoolMoney for orders to be placed.

***** **Action required** *****

Please ensure that you have ordered your child's meals for the week commencing 3rd January **no later than Thursday 16th December** so numbers can be given to the kitchen to place orders before we break up.

Have you signed up **My School Fund** yet?

My School Fund links you spend to your chosen school, meaning every time you make a purchase at participating retailers you and the school benefit from a cash back scheme.

The school receives 1% of your spend, whilst you receive 2%.

Visit myschoolfund.org for more information and to register today.

To date the school has received £105 from this scheme.

Calendar Dates

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Dinner

Friday 17th December – last day of term.

Tuesday 4th January 2022 – return to school

Monday 17th January – Vision Screening for Reception children

Dates for Friends' of Wroxton events are over the page.

☺ FOW (PTA) would like to thank everyone who helped collect with the Banbury Cross Round Table's Santa Float on the 4th December ☺



FOW upcoming dates for your diary:

Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th December:

* Please bring in any donations of pre-loved school uniform for the Sale

Thursday 16th December:

* Pre-Loved School Uniform Sale – 3pm



Wednesday 5th January 2022:

* FOW Meeting – 7pm, in the Kestrels Classroom

Thursday 27th January 2022:

* Quiz night! **Details TBC**

Thursday 17th February 2022:

* Rags2Riches 4Schools



If you have a New Year sort-out of clothes, please consider donating to the school, as we can receive money from the Rags2Riches4Schools Company. **Further Details TBC**