



Dear Parents

You will have all heard the latest government announcement with the planned changes going forward. The thing that struck me was the use of the word responsibility. Whilst the hoped plan going forward from March is the no legal need to isolate if you are COVID positive that is not the case at the present time. The Prime Minister said even when this happens we still need to be **responsible** and do the right thing.

As a school we have been hit incredibly hard in the last couple of weeks. That is both staff and children. It is fortunate that we have only had to close one class down thus far. For many the symptoms have been mild, for others they have been incredibly poorly and for a proportion they are asymptomatic.

I was deeply saddened when I heard about conversations with people saying they not bothering to test or report tests. I said in my first newsletter of the year that we have both vulnerable staff and children and I am aware that we have vulnerable parents. Many of us have had the sad experience of losing a loved one or knowing a loved one was gravely ill. Please if you have not experienced this give a thought for those that have. Stop and think how you would be feeling if it was you.

Staying safe is everyone's responsibility and it is easy for us to try and keep safe by doing our LFTs when needing to. It is about identifying the asymptomatic cases that unknowingly pass it on!

Please help us to help you and to help each other.

Have a lovely weekend

April Guinness
Head Teacher



Star of the Week

Eagles: Amelie
Kestrels: Poppy
Kites: Iza
Falcons: Ruby



Sports Stars

Eagles: Yusuf
Kestrels: Tom
Kites: Ayaan S
Falcons: Harrison

Weekly Quote

*"Responsibility is the price of freedom!"
Elbert Hubbard*

E-safety

Steps you can take to help keep your child safer online:

Five things Kids must never share online ever!

The great thing about this blog it is common sense, and only needs a little adjustment to make sure your kids understand. Don't forget with fewer days in schools in 2021, kids got less online safety instruction than in previous years. Kids are always saying that Mum and Dad don't do a lot about parental control, online safety at home. So here's something we can do to fix that, start by reminding your kids of the five most important things NOT to share online with anyone, the list is below. So let's start.

We all know the advice that kids get when starting on devices, gaming and the internet for the first time, how careful they need to be and always use your common sense. Youngsters must socialise online with friends from school, friends, family.

Five things to protect online forever

Name

Age Date of Birth

Address

Phone

Email

Read more

at: <https://www.besecureonline.co.uk/Blog/entryid/172/five-things-kids-must-never-share-online-ever>

School Dinners

We now have a new menu for the children to try. Please remember the menu is a 3 week rolling menu, so remember to change your options if your child didn't like their meal and you have already ordered for the whole half term.

For those of you who order on a weekly basis please remember to place your **order no later than Tuesday 25th January for the w/c 31st January.**
Thank you.

Calendar Dates

Half Term holiday: Monday 21st – 25th Feb

Tesco Community Grant Scheme

If you are shopping in Tesco please remember to vote with your blue counters for our Blue-bots project every time you shop.

Please ask friends and family to vote for us too. The more votes we have the greater the chance we can receive a grant of £1,500 for the equipment.

Thank you

Oxfordshire County Council's Road Safety Team are constantly looking to improve the safety of child pedestrians and so are reviewing the advice and guidance we provide to parents and carers.

To help us achieve this, we are evaluating the effectiveness of the Footsteps (Child Pedestrian safety advice for parents / carers) programme and would like parents and carers to help by completing an online questionnaire.

If you would like to keep your child safer on our roads, please visit [Walking with children | 365Alive](#) where you can download a copy of the Footsteps leaflet to provide you with guidance to support your child in becoming a safer and, eventually, an independent pedestrian.

Once you have downloaded the Footsteps guide, the link to the survey can be found further down the page, please click on the link to complete the short questionnaire which will then help us to keep all children safer.

Thank you.

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Road Safety Team
Oxfordshire County Council

Please do not send your child to school if they 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

FOW upcoming dates for your diary:

Wednesday 26th January 2022 (*provisional date*):

* FOW Meeting – 7pm, in the Kestrels Classroom.

Thursday 17th February 2022:



* Rags2Riches 4Schools

Please consider donating your unwanted, good quality, reusable clothes to the school.

We can receive money from the 'Rags2Riches4Schools' Company for the total weight collected.

Further details are on the poster in the Kestrels window - please bring in donations on the 17th Feb.

Thursday 17th February 2022:



* School Disco!

More details to follow....