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Dear Parent/Carer,

I will start with the Covid news so that I can finish with much nicer things! Since just before half term, we have had 16 children and 2 adults who have tested positive for Covid. All of the children have been in Key Stage 2 - 10 in Y3/4 and 6 in Y5/6. Four of these children (all in Y5/6) have tested positive since Monday. Luckily, in the vast majority of cases the children are only showing mild symptoms. However, both members of staff who have been double vaccinated have been really ill. We are following public health advice which is to keep the building ventilated and ensure regular hand-washing, as well as maintaining our extra cleaning during the day. If the cases continue to rise then we may have to re-instate some of the old precautions. For example, we may revert to class rather than phase bubbles, ask staff to wear masks in communal areas, return to Year 1 and 2 children being dropped off and picked up on the playground and stop visitors and volunteers from coming into school.

I will continue to email you if your child is in a class that has a positive case and ask you if you wouldn't mind lateral flow testing your child - we have already picked up some children who had Covid but were not showing symptoms through doing this. Your child can still come to school if someone in their household has Covid but we would ask that they do a daily lateral flow test.

We have had a number of double-vaccinated staff and parents now who had symptoms and did a lateral flow test that gave a negative result. However, they did have Covid and tested positive when they went for a PCR. So if you, or your child has symptoms then please go for a PCR test rather than relying on a lateral flow.

Right, on to more pleasant things!

The whole school has been very excited to have the Book Fair in this week. Class teachers have identified 'secret readers' who will receive a surprise from the Book Fair. The children will need to keep an eye on their trays in the next few days in case they have been chosen as a secret reader! The Book Fair is also a great way for school to receive free books which the children choose themselves for their class book corners. Thank you for supporting this if you have already visited the Book fair; we will let you know soon how much money you have helped us to raise.





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I thought that you might like to see this feedback from one of our lovely parents :” I just wanted to report on the chess tournament yesterday. The kids were stars! It was a gruelling afternoon (5 hours!) and quite a tense atmosphere (my nerves were shot by the end!). They played with great attitudes, resilience and supportive team spirit. They won 3 of their 5 rounds and came overall 4th. I think it is an amazing achievement considering it was all of their first tournaments and the top teams had coaches! Walter saved the day by taking Daisy's place at the last minute. All in all a positive experience (no tears!) and they are all enthused to play more chess.”



We will be interviewing for a teacher to cover Lauren Moss’ maternity leave next Friday. We have had an exceptionally good field and have short-listed five candidates. I will let you know who will be joining us as soon as possible.

Finally, don’t forget that it is Children in Need tomorrow and also that the children will be having their flu vaccines.

Take care,

Tina Clarke

