



The Reginald Mitchell News

"work together...learn together...reach for the sky"

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Diary Dates

For Parents

October Half-Term

26th October - 30th October

Flu Vaccine

Tuesday 3rd November

Christmas Break

21st December - 1st January

February Half-Term

15th February - 19th February

Easter Break

2nd April - 16th April

May Half-Term

31st May - 4th June

May Day

Monday 3rd May

Inset Day

Monday 7th June

Summer Break

19th July - 31st August



I have spent a little time reflecting on what has been a very challenging week for us. Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and patience. This is new for us all. It is very clear how important excellent lines of communication between home and school are. This week tested communication to the limit. However even though we received the information of a positive case late into the evening, almost all of you received the information you needed quickly. Thank you for your support with this.

The letters we sent out were templates provided by Public Health England and in my opinion didn't offer enough reassurance to you particularly in clarifying:

- **ALL** members of the infected household **ARE** in isolation
- That because the rest of our self-isolating year 4 bubble have no symptoms their brothers and sisters **CAN** come in.

Our letters have been amended accordingly.

From Thursday Year 4 have had lessons delivered by Mrs Awty via Microsoft Teams and our systems for this have worked really well. The code of conduct we expect children to follow when having lessons on line and information regarding how to access lockdown lessons on Teams are both now in our 'COVID area' which can be accessed via the front page of our website.

We totally understand your concerns and worries regarding how safe school life currently is. Please be reassured that cleaning is taking place 3 times a day and desks wiped at every break time, bubbles eat and play separately, we have no assemblies, staff have staggered breaks to ensure social distancing can take place. More details can be found in our school risk assessment- which can be found in the COVID resource area.

Please be aware if you choose to keep your child off because of the risks around COVID and they have no symptoms this will be an unauthorised absence.

Finally, if your child tests positive for COVID it is vital that, no matter what time the result arrives, including during the holiday we are informed immediately. If school is open then please call 01782 973835. If school is closed then please email office2@reginaldmitchell.staffs.sch.uk. This email is monitored constantly.

Have a safe and peaceful half term and once again thank you for your patience and support.

Mrs Rourke

Governor Vacancy

We currently have a parent governor vacancy on our Local Advisory Board. We are looking for someone with experience or skills in HR or Legal. If you are interested please call, text or email office2@reginaldmitchell.staffs.sch.uk - we would be delighted to give you some more information or talk it through. We look forward to hearing from you!

We have managed to organise and fund a new provision to enhance our curriculum! All of our classes will be having a block of forest school sessions organised across the academic year. We are delighted to have secured this provision and we cannot wait to take our learning outdoors with a trained Forest School Leader.



As the weather turns cooler, please ensure you send your child to school with a coat each day.



Thank you for your co-operation with our new parent consultation phone calls. We hope you found them useful. If you did, we would love to hear from you.

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ATTENDANCE

Winners for this week —

Year 1 Fantastic!

Class attendance for this week

Reception 96.6%

Y1 96.8%

Y2 93.4%

Y3 91.5%

Y4 We miss you Year 4!

Y5 95.4%

Y6 86.5%

Whole school 93.6%

School target 96.5%

Curriculum Stars of the Week

Reception: Vinnie Robbins

Year 1: Finley Cooney

Year 2: Mollie Toft

Year 3: Brendon Hitchcock

Year 4: Joshua Lench

Year 5: Toby Crocott

Year 6: Maisie Saunders

Rainbow Readers

Nursery: Truly Mae Staley

Reception: Isabelle Barratt

Year 1: Zach Cartwright

Year 2: Lucy Tipping

Year 3: Ethan Anchors

Year 4: Charlie Proctor

Year 5: Layla Slezak Sutton

Year 6: Zane Fough



Parent Pay

Please could you check your Parentpay accounts and make sure any outstanding amounts are cleared as soon as possible for dinners / Spitfires Club and /or Wraparound sessions . Thank you.



Snack



Please remember to send your children in with healthy snacks for break and lunch time. We would appreciate your support by not sending crisps, chocolate bars, high sugar cereal bars, biscuits and sweets into school. Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations

This year's flu vaccinations will be taking place on **Tuesday 3rd November.**

Vaccinations are available to all children from Reception through to Year 6.

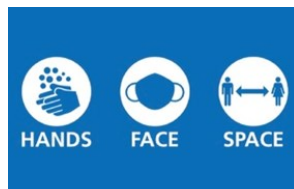
Please use the following link to give consent - <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/> using code **JBFMPS**

We shall be selling poppy wristbands, snap bands, reflectors and zip pulls after the half term to support the British Legion and Remembrance Day.



We start week 3 of the school dinner menu next week.

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Collaboration
Honesty
Inspiration
Leadership
Democracy
Respect
Equality
Nurture

Caught Being Good Award

Reception: Ralph McGee

Year 1: Mia Washington

Year 2 : Finn Irving

Year 3: Lacey Pepper

Year 4: Zia McGarry

Year 5: Kal Griffiths

Year 6: Blake Anchors

