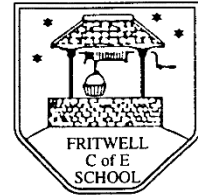


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Welcome Back

Friday 7th January 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the staff, children and parents after our Christmas break. I do hope that you all had an enjoyable time and are excited about the term ahead. As always, the team would like to thank everyone for the lovely gifts received at the end of last term; we do appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Our new starters this term are settling in well and starting to get used to their new school surroundings and we hope that they will make friends and be very happy with us.

Our focus this term is to develop the quality of presentation in our work and to utilise every moment in school to learn well and have fun.

Coronavirus Update

I want to update you with changes released by the Department for Education (DfE) regarding COVID-19. As case numbers remain high, both nationally and locally, it is important that we continue to follow the guidance issued and do everything we can to safeguard everyone in our community – staff, children, parents, carers, and families. The latest guidance provides small changes to self-isolation rules if your child tests positive on lateral flow testing.

Recent advice now recommends the use of Lateral Flow Tests from age 5. I am aware that there has been supply issues over the last few weeks but, when you can order again, it is suggested that you try to keep a small supply of LFT kits at home in case your child is identified as a close contact. When available, Lateral Flow Test kits can be obtained from local pharmacies or by ordering online. We are not given a supply of LFT kits for parents or children at primary school – these are for staff use only.

The **10-day self-isolation period** for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been **reduced to 7 days**. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 on a PCR test, they will need to self-isolate. The day symptoms appear or date of test is classed as Day 0. Your child will then need to take a LFT on Day 6 and Day 7 of their isolation period. If they receive a negative test result on Day 6 and Day 7, and do not have a high temperature, they are able to return to school on Day 8. The Day 6 and Day 7 tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If the LFTs do come back positive you can continue to test daily up until Day 10. From this day the normal isolation period ends and children can return.

Coronavirus Update (continued)

If your child is identified as a **close contact** of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 they will need to take a LFT every day for 7 days. They can continue to attend school as normal unless they receive a positive test result or develop COVID-19 symptoms. At this point, if they have a positive LFT result or develop COVID-19 symptoms they will need to take a PCR test, and self-isolate until they receive a negative result. A **close contact** is defined as anyone who lives in the same household as another person who has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19. We would ask that any children who this applies to complete the 7 days of Lateral Flow Testing. NHS Test and Trace continue to carry out contact tracing, although in exceptional circumstances school may be asked to assist. This also applies to children under 5, with LFT testing at parental or guardian discretion.

However, please note that from 11th January there is new guidance; asymptomatic people (those showing no symptoms) who test positive for COVID-19 on a Lateral Flow Test no longer need to get a confirmatory PCR test. Their isolation period, as explained above, can start immediately following their positive LFT result. These individuals should still report their test results on the Government website.

Lateral Flow Tests should only be taken by people who do not have coronavirus symptoms. Anyone who develops symptoms should isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive PCR test result, even if they have had a recent negative LFT – these rules have not changed.

This is a temporary measure while coronavirus rates remain high across the UK.

Just like the Government, our priority is keeping school open and operating as normal. We will continue to do everything we can and with your support ensure this is possible. If you would like to read further please go to the following <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

MP Victoria Prentis Visit

This afternoon we had a visit from our local MP, Victoria Prentis. It was good to talk to her about the current challenges and issues within the education sector and the impact of COVID.

Kind regards,

Jon Hart
Headteacher



After School Clubs

We are pleased to offer several clubs this term, as follows :

<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>3.30pm to 4.30pm</i>	Football Club (Adam Bradley)	Years 2 - 6
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>3.30pm to 4.15pm</i>	Sewing Circle	Years 4 - 6
<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>3.15pm to 4.15pm</i>	MultiSports Club (Premier)	Years 1 - 3
<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>3.30pm to 4.30pm</i>	Girls' Football Club	Years 4 - 6

There are still places available on the MultiSports Club; please go online to book with Premier. If you need the link again please contact Julie in the office.

Please also let Julie know by Monday whether your child would like to join the Sewing Circle or the Girls' Football Club.

New Reading Books for Minnows, Sticklebacks and Seahorses

You will have already received an email about our Read Write Inc. 'Book Bag Books' for those children taking phonics lessons. These books are matched to the phonics being learnt and are specially designed to support reading at home. Please do read the attachment to the email so that you are aware of this new approach to learning and will know about it prior to the online workshop.

Dates for your Diary

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<i>Thursdays – 3.30 to 4.30pm</i>	Girls' Football Club	Years 4 - 6
<i>Friday – 1.00pm</i>	Stingrays – Swimming	
<i>Friday – 1.15pm</i>	Sharks – Forest School	
<i>Tuesday 8th February</i>	Vision Screening in Reception	
<i>Mon 21st to Thurs 24th March</i>	Year 5 Bikeability Training	
<i>Wednesday 23rd March</i>	NCMP Weights & Heights – Reception and Year 6	

