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# Newsletter



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been. Thank you for your ongoing support with the Covid-19 situation. Fortunately, the number of cases now seems to have stabilised and Year 6 no longer need to be in a bubble. All being well the year 1 and 5 bubbles can end next week too as long as we have no further cases.

The Government has announced that all 'Plan B' restrictions will lift on Wednesday 26th January. This will mean that staff will no longer need to wear masks in communal areas. However, some may wish to continue to do this and that is their choice.

The Prime Minister has also announced that all self-isolation rules will cease on Thursday 24th March as the country moves to 'living with Covid' rather than trying to prevent it – this is yet to be completely confirmed. This would certainly make absence management much easier in school. If this happens it would mean that nobody will be required to self-isolate at all if testing positive for Covid – it's likely that LFT tests will no longer be available for free from around this time too!

We are currently in the middle of our termly Pupil Progress Meetings. From these meetings any pupils that we feel need a boost to get back on track will receive additional support in school for a short period of time. I've also asked the teachers to contact parents to explain if your child needs any increased intervention in Reading, Writing or Mathematics. Many, if not all children are behind where they should be due to Covid 19. If you are contacted, please do your best to support us at home, in helping your child make rapid progress.



Remember – as a minimum - all children should be practising their spellings and times tables each week, finishing at least one home reading book each week and completing any homework set. Also please talk to the children about the world around them – explain what things are and why we use certain words etc.



An enquiring mind is something all children possess – please help them use it whenever you can. If you haven't got the answer there and then, help them to find it together later.

I hope that everyone has a good weekend. See you all on Monday.

Kind regards  
P Rawlings

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### January 2022

24.01.22 FONS Meeting @ 2pm

### February 2022

21.02.22 – 25.02.22 February Half Term

28.02.22 School reopens to pupils.

### March 2022

18.03.22 Red Nose Day

### April 2022

08.04.22 End of Term- school closes for Easter

11.04.22- 22.04.22 Easter Holiday

25.05.22 School reopens to pupils

### May 2022

02.05.22 May Day Bank Holiday

05.05.22 Voting Day (tbc)

30.05.22 - 03.06.22 Half Term

### June 2022

08.06.22- 10.06.22

Year 6 Kingswood Residential

### July 2022

22.07.22 Break up for Summer



### Arrive on time to school



There also seems to have been a significant increase in the number of children frequently arriving late for school.

In simple terms - this is unacceptable. Obviously there are occasions when events will make us late, however no child should ever be frequently arriving late to school. If this is happening to your child, you should be aware that this will have a serious impact on their educational outcomes and your child's self-esteem over time.

Walking into somewhere late is always embarrassing and awkward. It's just the same for the children arriving late into their classes.

So please (if this does apply to you) make certain that your child is here by 8.55am at the very latest (preferably at 8.45am).

In cases where unauthorised lateness or absence continues we can and will refer the matter to Education Investigation Services who may issue warning notices or fines. Thank you for your support.



### Well Done Everyone!

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