

Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your generous donations for the Christmas Fair, we are always overwhelmed by your generosity. A special thank you to Sophie, our CHIPTA Chair, and her team, who are working hard to make the event a success. We hope to see many of you tomorrow. We have had a particular request for more cake and international food donations, if you are able to contribute to these stalls please bring any donations to the fair tomorrow (strictly no nuts in any cooking please). Please could we remind you to take a Lateral flow test before coming tomorrow and we hope that masks will be worn by adults, thank you for your support. We are keeping our fingers crossed for the weather and are sure it is going to be a lovely family event.

It is so wonderful to start to see more of you coming in to help us in school, this partnership with you makes such a difference. Special thanks to the wonderful group of parents who have been organising our books, this is a huge job and we are very grateful as these books can now be used by your children. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help in any way. Just a little reminder that we do require all volunteers to have a valid DBS check (a DBS issued by our school), please ask at the office for more information.

#### **Positive Covid cases in school**

As you are aware we have had a number of positive Covid cases reported to us across the school this week with a cluster in Otter class. In total we have 8 positive Covid cases across year 1 and 2. In line with government guidance we have consulted Public Health England for advice, please find attached a letter with their response. We have implemented the following measures for Otter class this week:

- Eating lunch in their classroom
- Separate play times to the rest of the school
- No assemblies
- Higher vigilance around hand hygiene
- Increased ventilation in the classroom

We urge you to carry out a Lateral Flow Test on your child on Sunday evening before they come in on Monday so that any asymptomatic cases can be isolated, and of course arrange a PCR test if your child has any Covid symptoms, however mild.

Hopefully these measures are temporary and with everyone's co-operation across the school we can quickly restrict this outbreak. If your child does become ill at school we will call you to come and pick them up. Our Office staff have to isolate and wait with your child and it would really help us if you can come as promptly as possible, if you are unavailable we will try your other named emergency contacts.

#### **Phonics and Early Reading meetings**

On **Wednesday 1st December at 9.00am** we will be hosting a phonic and early reading meeting for **Year 1 parents**. The aim of the meeting is to update you on the new phonic approach being taught in school but also to give ideas for helping your child at home. Reception parents are invited to a similar workshop on **Tuesday 8th December, again at 9.00 am**.

#### **Learn English at Home (LEAH) - Coffee morning for parents**

On **Tuesday 30th November** we will be holding a coffee morning for anyone who would like to find out about our English classes for adults to improve their English. Please come along, the meeting will be in the **Junior School library** at **9.00 am**, please see the information attached.

### **UNICEF Rights Respecting School**

As you know we are proud to be a UNICEF Rights Respecting School and achieved the Bronze rights committed award last year. A Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships. We are now working towards achieving our Silver award. All of your children will be a school council member during each year of their school life and as well as being school council members they also become our RRS ambassadors. They have been working through the rights of a child and producing some fantastic writing and art work which is in our beautiful RRS school book. They are becoming so much more aware of their rights and increasing their awareness of their place as a global citizen. It is really exciting work and we would like to invite you in to tell you more about the work your children have been doing on **Wednesday 12th January 9.00am**. We will send invites nearer the date.

Please click on the attachments and the UNICEF link to find out more. <http://www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa>

Our RRS Ambassadors /School Council working on **Article 24 - *Every child has the right to the best possible health.***

### **Mathletics - Year 1 and Year 2**

Please could we remind all Year 1 and 2 parents that children should be completing their Mathletics work each week. We do monitor this and have noticed that many children are not logging on to their account. This work supports what is being taught in school and it gives your child much need practice. Please contact your class teacher if you need your log in details.

### **Spare clothes**

We would greatly appreciate any donations of jogging trousers, pants, knickers and socks as our stocks are low. Please bring any donations to the School Office, thank you very much.

### **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you for supporting our Poppy Appeal collection at the start of this month. As a school we raised £325.99 which is a wonderful contribution to the appeal.

Hopefully I will see lots of you tomorrow.

Warm regards

Janet Berry