

Harvest Assembly



This week we celebrated Harvest Festival with a whole school assembly. Reverend James from St Edmunds Church came and did an assembly for all the children in Years 1 to 6. The assembly was brilliant and opened the children's eyes to food poverty globally and how lucky we are. Thank you to Reverend James for sharing his assembly with us.

We would also like to thank all of you that were able to make your generous donations for the harvest assembly. These will be passed to our local food bank as soon as possible.

Mr Jeffery

Year 1 Went To Space

This week our Year 1 children went to Space!



On Wednesday Year 1 attended a space workshop run by Perform 4 All drama company. The children met an alien from Saturn and flew to all the planets on a spaceship using lots of different dance moves. The finale was a whole class performance of a poem about an alien with pongy socks! A great drama session was enjoyed by all.

School Photo Day

Monday 11th October is photo day. Please remember that the school photographers, Van Cols, will be visiting our school on to take individual photos of the children. Please ensure your child/children are dressed in their smartest uniform, prefects must wear their blazers and ties and all children should arrive to school on time on that day. Thank you in advance.



PICTURE DAY

Black History Month Celebrations

As part of our Black History month celebrations, all pupils are invited to come into school wearing a T-shirt in the colour of the flag of their cultural heritage or a traditional outfit worn in that country on **Thursday 21st October**. Children are **not** allowed to wear football shirts. We look forward to seeing all the different colours and traditional outfits.



Attendance 27th September - 1st October 2021

Congratulations to the following classes for achieving the highest attendance percentage in their Year Groups; over 96%.



| Year Group | Class | Attendance % |
|------------|------------|--------------|
| Year 1 | Ash | 98.6% |
| Year 2 | Hawthorn | 98.9% |
| Year 3 | Beech | 98.6% |
| Year 4 | Sycamore | 97% |
| Year 5 | Eucalyptus | 99% |
| Year 6 | Olive | 97.8% |

The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%. During the above period our overall school attendance was 96.5%.

Unsung Heroes



Did you know that during the First and Second World Wars, pilots from Africa and the Caribbean volunteered to serve in the Royal Air Force (RAF)?

During the course of World War 2 (WW2) countries from across the globe sent pilots to fly for the RAF. Poland, New Zealand, Canada, Czechoslovakia, South Africa and Australia, all sent over recruits to fly in the RAF. Often forgotten and overlooked are the contributions of Caribbean and Asian airmen (and women) in the war. The RAF Museum at Gosford has put on an exhibition to tell their story, it's called 'Pilots Of The Caribbean'.

Other trailblazers from WW1 include Indra Lal Roy who was the first Indian fighter aircraft pilot, serving for the Royal Flying Corps as well as its successor, the RAF and Jamaican born Robbie Clarke who became the first black pilot to fly for Britain.

For more information about these amazing war heroes, check out: <https://youtu.be/a8zm1yqJ95Q>



Reception Intake Meetings for 2022-2023 Starters

The deadline to apply for a Reception school place for September 2022 place is on **15th January 2022**. You must apply via the e-admissions portal www.eadmissions.org.uk Prospective parents are invited to attend one of our Reception Intake meetings on the following dates:

Tuesday 9th November
Tuesday 23rd November
Tuesday 7th December
Friday 10th December



The meetings will be hosted by Mr Jeffery and will take place at 9.15am - 10.00am in the school hall. Spaces are limited to two adults per family and children will not be allowed to attend. To book a place, please call the school office **0208 529 6827**.

Vocabulary Corner

Trailblazer: the first person to do something or go somewhere, a person who shows that it is also possible for others to do the same.

Pronounced - trail-blaz-er

Example:

Marie Curie was a trailblazer and led the way for other female scientists to win the Nobel Prize.



Rosh Hashanah

Last month the Jewish community celebrated '**Rosh Hashanah**'. Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year and is celebrated in early Autumn. This is because the dates of Jewish festivals come from the Hebrew calendar, so the Jewish New Year begins in autumn, as opposed to on 1st January.

Rosh Hashanah is also known as the celebration of the creation of the world and marks making a fresh start. It is a time when Jewish people reflect on the past year and to ask for forgiveness for anything wrong they feel they have done. They can also think about their priorities in life and what is important to them. Most of the day is spent in a synagogue, as no work is allowed on Rosh Hashanah.



Certain foods are prepared for Rosh Hashanah and carry specific meanings.

Apples and **bread** dipped in honey represent a sweet new year to come.

Challah bread is often baked into round creations to serve as symbols of the cyclical nature of the year. **Raisins** are added to signify a sweet new year.

Fish is a typical dish which is served and is known as a traditional symbol of new life and prosperity. Also, because the fish's eyes are always open, the fish represents knowledge.

Happy Rosh Hashanah to all those who celebrated!

Current Covid Rules on Self-Isolation

Covid is still about but the rules have changed. However, although most rules have relaxed there are still some rules in place that are a legal requirement.

So what are we still legally required to do?

Anyone who has any of the 3 main symptoms of Covid-19 should self-isolate immediately and arrange a PCR test.

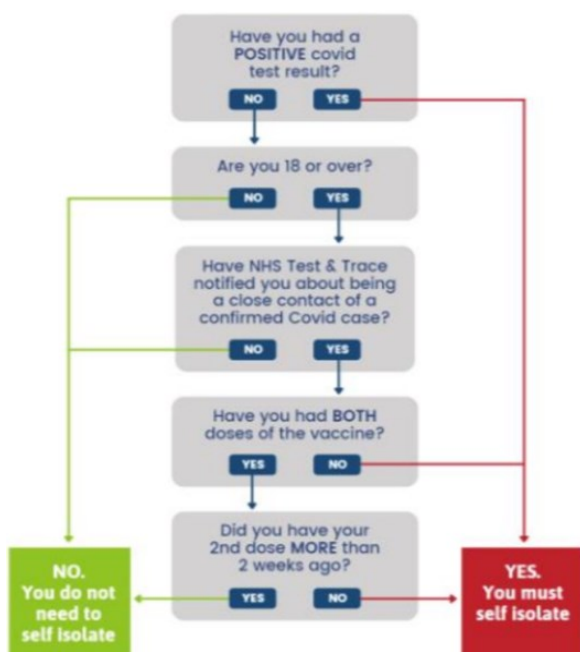
The three main symptoms are:

- High temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change in sense of smell or taste

It is still a legal requirement for anyone with a positive test result to self-isolate for 10 days.

If your child does not have any symptoms, there is **no** requirement for them to self-isolate and your child must attend school **even** if someone in your household has tested positive.

We hope this flow chart will help simplify when you need to self-isolate in additions to what is outlined above:



Eco News



If you shop in Morrisons please collect the **Let's Grow** tokens for FREE gardening equipment for our school. For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Let's Grow token to help the school get everything we need to get growing. The school will be able to exchange the tokens for FREE gardening equipment which can be used for our Gardening club. Thanks in advance.

Healthy Packed Lunches

Please note that crisps, sweets, chocolate or biscuits are not allowed in children's packed lunches. There is an increasing number of children who are having these as part of their packed lunches.



We are a NUT-FREE school. We have some children with nut allergies and a reaction could be severe. **Peanut Butter/Nutella** or any other nut based spreads should not be brought into school via children's packed lunches.



We are a healthy school and maintain this throughout the school. It is most important that your child's lunch be nutritious and filling. For ideas for healthier lunches, please visit any of the websites listed below:

www.nhs.uk/change4life
www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration
www.srnutrition.co.uk/2020/06/healthy-packed-lunches-for-children

Thank you for your cooperation.

Polite Reminder

A polite reminder, please ensure children do not play on school equipment after school as staff are not on duty to support if there were any incidents.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Joke of the Week

Q. Why did the girl sit on the ladder to sing?

A. She wanted to reach the high notes!



School Dinner Menu w/b 11th October 2021

| Week 2 | Monday (save the planet day) | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------|------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|---|
| CHOICE 1 | Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Bake (VE) | Chicken & Ginger Stir Fry with Noodles | Chicken Biryani | Oven Roasted Sausages | Fish Fingers (V) |
| CHOICE 2 | Bolognese (V) | Vegetable Puff (V) | Homemade Cheddar & Sweetcorn Slice (V) | Squash and Spinach Curry (VE) | Homemade Falafel Filled Torpedo Roll (VE) |
| Sides | Wholemeal Spaghetti | Jacket | 50/50 Mixed Rice | Creamed Mashed Potato | Oven Baked Chips |
| Vegetables | Sweetcorn Green Beans | Broccoli Organic Carrots | Cauliflower Garden Peas | Sweetcorn Mixed Vegetables | Baked Beans Garden Peas |
| Dessert | Organic Fruit Yogurt | Organic Fruit Yogurt | Organic Fruit Yogurt | Organic Fruit Yogurt | Organic Fruit Yogurt |
| | Seasonal Fresh Fruit | Seasonal Fresh Fruit | Seasonal Fresh Fruit | Seasonal Fresh Fruit | Seasonal Fresh Fruit |