

Issue 12
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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start this week's bulletin by celebrating the absolutely fantastic attendance in school so far this year. The school's overall attendance is currently 98%, which is tremendous at any time, never mind the challenging circumstances we are currently facing. I would also like to say thank you to you all for the clear and prompt communication with school on the rare occasions your child/children are absent, through either illness or isolation. It is hugely appreciated and makes, in turn, our job of communicating information to the Department for Education much easier.

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, we will be welcoming a theatre company into school on Monday 14th December. They will be performing Peter Pan four times during the course of the day, once to each year group bubble. Thank you to those of you who have already paid the £5 via Ipayimpact. If any of you do have any concerns around these productions, please be assured that it will be a Covid safe environment. The children will sit in their individual class group, with a substantial gap of more than 2 metres from their adjacent year group class. There will be a clean of the hall floor, where the children will sit, between performances and the individual year groups will not come into contact with each other. The hall is a very large space and it will be well ventilated. The theatre company will perform on the stage and there will be considerably more than two metres between themselves and the nearest children. The theatre company also have their own robust Covid risk assessment in place.

We enter December next week and so begin to think ahead to Christmas. The year 3 children have been working hard this week on some beautiful Christmas artwork and this will very soon be on display in the Christmas "shed" on Mapperley top. This will officially open for viewing on Saturday December 5th and we thank St Mark's Church, Woodthorpe for their help in co-ordinating the event.

Finally, please continue to inform the school immediately if any member of your household develops symptoms, receives a positive test result or is self-isolating. It is very important that any pupil who has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive self isolates for 14 days. You can leave a voice message on the school's answering service at any time on 01159534707, or email the school office – office@westdalejuniors.co.uk. Again, this can be done at any time.

As ever, thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a restful and relaxing weekend.

Best wishes to you all,

Rob Slater

Flu Vaccination and Individual Photographs

A reminder that the Immunisation team will be in school on Monday 30th November to administer the nasal flu vaccine spray to all year groups. If you have not already done so there is still time to consent, please follow this link

www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu Please use our school code NG14431.

Individual photographs will also take place next week on Tuesday 1st December in the school hall on the stage with stringent cleaning and PPE in place. For both of these events and the pantomime in a few weeks' time children will stick to their bubbles and will not mix with the other children at any time.

Reminder regarding the Pantomime

Unfortunately, we have not received many donations towards the cost of the pantomime due in school on Monday 14th December. Although school are able to contribute towards this cost without your donations we will not be able to go ahead with this lovely treat for the children. If you are having difficulty using the ipayimpact website please do let us know and we will be happy to help.

What should I do if my child or someone in my household has Covid 19 symptoms?

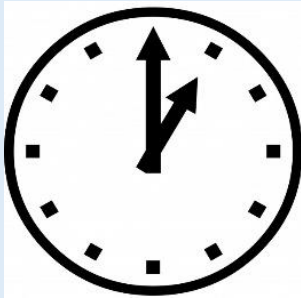
- It's important that if your child (or anyone in their household) has any coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, **they do not attend school and stay at home.**
- You should arrange for them to get a test and tell your school the test results. This will help the NHS Test and Trace process. If you have a positive test result, your household should remain at home and follow the Test and Trace self-isolation guidance.



What happens if there is a Covid 19 outbreak in school?

- If there is an outbreak at the school, local health protection teams will work with the school to agree what action is needed.
- Usually, the school will not need to close, but in the event it does need to close for some or all children, the school will have a contingency plan in place so that your child's education can continue.
- If our local area sees a spike in infection rates that is resulting in localised community spread, the government will decide what actions need to be taken.

Covid 19 School Rules



Be on time & line up in the correct place



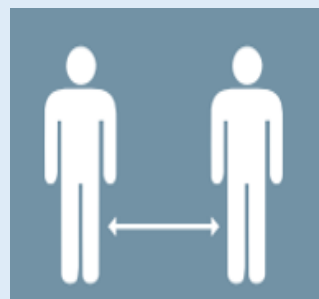
Bring your own water-bottle each day



Follow our hygiene expectations



No school if there are ANY symptoms in your home



Be Smart – Stay Apart



Parents/Carers please wear a face covering in the school building