



IF YOUR CHILD HAS COME INTO SCHOOL AND YOU RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF A POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT WITHIN YOUR FAMILY PLEASE CONTACT THE

Over the past couple of weeks, I have heard all the teachers saying how much the children have learnt during the lockdown and this is a real credit to all the adults that put in so much time and effort with home learning. The children have settled really well now and there is some sense of normality around the school. I have never heard so many children saying how happy they are to be back at school which is fantastic to hear.

Earlier this week we sent a short timeline of the library project which I hope you have managed to see. There are a couple of small things still to do but the room is now being used again. We are hoping to do an official opening in June when there will be a day focused on reading and hopefully some visitors to help inspire the children.

It's been great to celebrate our Star Powerful Learners again this week and they are: Lucy from Sun; Grayson from Moon; Mabel from Neptune; Noah from Apollo; Matilda from Jupiter; Leah from Saturn; Tyler from Galaxy; Phoenix from Milky Way and Orla from Mars. Well done to all of you for returning to school and showing some great learning skills.

Nick Firkins
 Headteacher

VSA NEWS

Feel Good Friday: it is the turn of Neptune Class tomorrow. The children in Neptune can wear mufti in exchange for a cash donation to what was the class cake sale pot. The money will be used to buy new toys and treats for the children to use in Golden Time.

Uniform Shop: Another plea for any older age sized uniform, especially logo items - if you have any that is no longer needed please leave it with the office so we can quarantine it with plenty of time before the next sale.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lateral Flow Testing

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. **Parents and other adults** in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free.

There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- an employer if they offer testing to employees
- Community Testing via asymptomatic testing site by collecting a home test kit from collection Point (RTS / LTS / MTU / CT);
- by ordering a home test kit online.

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible.

Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates.

Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

To check the location of Lateral Flow Test and collection sites near you, or to order home test kits if this is not possible, please visit: www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff.

A list of Frequently Asked Questions is available on the Somerset County Council website here: www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-testing

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 23rd March – KS1 Parents' Evening – early
Wednesday 24th March – KS1 Parents' Evening – late
Tuesday 30th March – KS2 Parents' Evening – early
Wednesday 31st March – KS2 Parents' Evening – late
Thursday 1st April – Break up for Easter
Tuesday 20th April – Return to School
Monday 19th April – INSET DAY
Friday 28th May – INSET DAY