



Wistaston Weekly

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"We will challenge, excite and encourage a love of life and learning in every child."

I hope you all managed to enjoy a good half-term, despite the weather.

We are now two days into a second national lockdown – this one is different because schools remain open to all children. We are delighted to be offering a safe and happy place for children to learn and we shall continue to do our best for the children throughout this period.

There are going to need to be some differences over the next few weeks:

- ***Apart from drop off and pick up, parents and carers should not come on to the school site at all without prior arrangement.*** For this to work, it is important that the children are brought to school on time. There have been a few occasions this week where children have been late and we ask for your support in reducing this.
- ***Parents should wear a face covering whenever they are on the school site. If you are exempt from wearing a face covering, we would be grateful if you let us know or wear the recognised Hidden Disabilities sunflower lanyard so that we know.***
- *When in communal areas like corridors or staffrooms, school staff will wear a face covering. (Note that these won't typically be worn in classrooms or when working with children unless this is close work or group work.)*
- *We need to reduce handling of reading records, so please let your child know if there is a message for us in the book, or mark the message with a Post-It note so that we don't need to go through books unexpectedly.*
- *Music lessons for Year Four will be led by Love Music Trust via an online link. We intend to run any individual peripatetic lessons this way but we are working out the logistics of how we can do this.*

Again, I need to remind you that your child must not come to school if there are symptoms of coronavirus in the household (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss or change in taste or smell). Everyone in the household must isolate until that person receives a negative result. If the result is positive for a member of your household, please make us aware as soon as possible as this means that your child will need to be off school for 14 days. Once you have a negative result please let us know.

I thank you for your co-operation with this and your support.

Mr Bancroft

NEW MESSAGES

There is important new information below – please make sure that you read it.

Welcome

Welcome to Miss Millie Gallagher and Miss Michelle Joyce who are trainee teachers working in Year Five and Year Six. They have already made a great impression on us all and we wish them every success during their time with us.

Goodbye

We would like to say thank you and good luck to Nicole Higginbotham and her family. Mrs Higginbotham has worked as a Lunchtime Assistant over the last three years and children and staff have all loved working with her. She is leaving as her family are moving to America. We look forward to hearing news of their new adventures on the other side of the Atlantic!

Dress Up Day

The children looked fantastic today in their costumes! Thank you for all donations.

Phonics Play - Free Online Phonics Games.

We are now able to provide parents with access to a fantastic phonics website, Phonics Play, for free. This is a temporary measure during the coronavirus pandemic, but is a fantastic opportunity for your children to have access to lots of fun and engaging phonics activities at home.

The details you will need are as follows.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Username: Wistaston1

Password: Wistaston1

Fluenz

The school nurses will be in school on Thursday 19th November to administer the Fluenz vaccinations

School Office

Please could we remind you that the school office is now closed to parents unless a prior arrangement has been made. For any general enquires please send an email to admin@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk However if you need to contact us urgently, phone calls can still be taken.

Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need

We are inviting all children to attend school on Friday 13th November in non-uniform for Children in Need in exchange for a suggested donation of £1 for the charity. Please only contribute if you can afford to.

Smart School Uniform

Smart school uniform would like to inform their customers that although they have had to close the shop due to the new lockdown rules they will still be there to help with your school uniform needs. Due to the restrictions working hours will vary so email is the best way to contact them. Their website is open and orders will continue to be processed, their website address is www.smartacademyuniform.co.uk

If customers are unable to use the website they can email their mobile number and requirements to shop@smartuniform.co.uk and a member of their team will call you to assist. They are still able to offer a click and collect service via this route.

Please check their website for regular updates regarding the possibility of free delivery to your school.

If you have an order that you would like to collect please email shop@smartuniform.co.uk and they can give instructions on how to do this.

The Poppy Appeal

Poppies are now on sale in both KS1 and KS2 buildings. If you would like to purchase a poppy or any of the poppy appeal merchandise, the suggested maximum donation for any of the items is £1.50.

Clinically vulnerable children and school attendance

The government has published guidance that says: "Children who are clinically vulnerable or have underlying health conditions but are not clinically extremely vulnerable, may continue to attend school in line with current guidance." If you feel that your child is clinically vulnerable, please let us know of any precautions that your child's GP advises.

School Tours for Parents of Reception Children in September 2021

Unfortunately, during the lockdown we have suspended visits for new parents and pupils. We may be able to reintroduce these after the lockdown.

Letters

Please note that we will not be distributing paper copies of the newsletter. All parents will receive the newsletter by email each week. The weekly newsletter will also be published on the school website. Thank you.

Lost Keys

Please could we ask parents to be on the lookout for a lost set of keys on Church Lane. The keys have a jangly bell keychain on them. If found, please could you contact the school office to arrange to drop them off, so we can return them to the resident.

Feedback on Live Lessons during Isolation: <https://forms.gle/hMeFEW5dQYoE7F4bA>



As part of our LPPA (Leading Parent Partnership Award) we are constantly reflecting on the work we do and seeking to get feedback on how things could be improved. This was the first time we have conducted LIVE lessons to support home learning and so we would like to ask you a few questions about your experience. If you have a child who was told to isolate before the half term, we would appreciate you taking a few minutes to fill in the form. Hopefully this will help us to improve future experience and engagement. The survey will stay open until Friday 20th November. You can find the survey at <https://forms.gle/hMeFEW5dQYoE7F4bA>

REPEATED INFORMATION

The information below has been shared before – you may have read it already, but we have kept it here as it is important.

Coronavirus

Your child should not come into school if they have the following symptoms: a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss or change in taste or smell. If your child has these symptoms they should book a test using www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/ or by calling 119.

Please could we request if your child's Coronavirus test results are positive, please inform the school of the results at the earliest opportunity. Please email covid19@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk at any point as this email address will be monitored at all times.

Applying for School Places for September 2021

Parents and Carers are reminded that the application round for places in Reception 2021 is now open. More details can be found on Cheshire East's website at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx. The deadline to apply for a place for Reception 2021 is 15th January 2021.