



Wistaston Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are desperately hoping that the national coronavirus situation continues to improve so that some restrictions in school can relax.

We are planning to cautiously reintroduce after school clubs from 26th April in the first step towards this. However, the situation will need to constantly remain under review. Details will be sent home next week.

We have planned a date for Sports Day – Monday 28th June (infants in the morning and juniors in the afternoon). As things stand currently, we hope to be able to proceed with the sports day, but at the moment we cannot confirm if parents will be able to attend. Most importantly for us, we want to give the children the sports day experience. However, if we can allow parents in then we will, so you may wish to add this date to your diaries just in case.

We are making plans for school visits and residential visits to take place in the next school year and we hope that we can make this work. This year, we are trying to bring visitors into school to offer an experience for the children in each year group during the summer term. Teachers are working hard to source visitors who can come in to school to work with the children, or offer a virtual experience instead. To enable these experiences to be offered to the children we will need to request contributions from parents and carers towards the cost of this. More details will be shared once plans are in place.

*Thank you for your support,
Mr Bancroft*

NEW MESSAGES

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

Coronavirus Symptoms

We need to remind you of the rules regarding attending school if coronavirus symptoms are in the household.

If any one member of the household (or support bubble) has symptoms, then the whole household must isolate until a negative test result from a PCR test is received for the person with symptoms.

Using a lateral flow device test is not the correct way to gain a test result for someone with symptoms – these are only for people who are asymptomatic. Instead, the person with symptoms must arrange a PCR test at a coronavirus testing centre.

We recognise that this is confusing but please be aware that we will need to send siblings home if they are brought into school if we know that someone in the household/support bubble has symptoms.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

(PCR tests are the usual lab-analysed tests that are available in testing centres across the country.)

Information for parents of infants

- Please don't allow your child to run across the road or through the car park gates. The car park is used throughout the day and we are worried that there could be an accident.
- Reception parents – please try not to arrive at school before 8.50, and if you do, please wait on Church Lane. Waiting at the top of the school drive near to the gates causes the path to become very congested and forces people to move on to the road.

We cannot wait to remove these restrictions, but ask that families follow these instructions until we are able to.

Year Five Bikeability Sessions

Bikeability sessions take place for Year Five soon. Mrs Dunbobbin's class will be taking part in their cycle training on Thursday 25th March and Mrs Storey's Class will be on Friday 26th March. Children must wear brightly coloured warm clothes and should wear a bicycle helmet. Of course, they will need to bring in their bikes and this will be a little bit more complicated this year due to our staggered starts.

Mornings

From 8.50am, please walk bikes up the school drive and enter the Junior Car Park. Bikes will be stored here. We recommend locks. Members of staff will be on hand to support in the morning. Parents will be guided through the empty car park to leave across the Junior Playground.

End of day

From 3.20pm, please enter through the Junior Car Park gate, collect bikes and then leave by walking across the Junior Playground. Members of staff will be on hand to help with this.

School Dinners

We need to remind you that dinner money must be paid in advance of the children eating. Our school dinner money policy can be found here:

<https://wistaston.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/document/dinner-money-collection-policy-2020.pdf?t=1601648970>

Swan Stars

Payments made for Swan Stars using childcare vouchers or bank transfers may take up to 10 working days to be added to your Kids Club HQ account. Thank you for your understanding.

Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who donated towards this year's Comic Relief non uniform day. We have raised a grand total of £415.35!

Hollie Guard

Our PCSO, PC Bowman, has asked that we share details of Hollie Guard with you. This is a personal safety app which can help you to feel safe. You can find further details at <https://hollieguard.com/>.

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.

School Office

The School Office is open between 8.30am and 12.30pm, Monday to Friday. We would prefer that you communicate via email. Please try to only phone the school in an emergency. We are short staffed in the office at the moment and ask that you bear this in mind.

Winter Grant Scheme

For families entitled to free school meals (and others in particular circumstances) we can make referrals for the Winter Grant Scheme

(www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/coronavirus/covid-winter-grant-scheme.aspx). If we can help in any way, please get in touch with school and someone will give a discreet call back.

Coronavirus

Your child must 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. If your child tests positive, please contact school as soon as possible using this email address: covid19@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk. Receiving a negative result from a lateral flow device test at home does not change this process.

End of Term

A reminder that the end of term is on Thursday 1st April.