

As the first half term draws to a close, class teachers have been assessing their first few weeks back and making plans for the next phase of the school year.

It is amazing to see how much we can still achieve despite the ongoing restrictions that still govern us on a daily basis. While we STILL find it hard not to burst into song or random group hugs, we are all learning new skills and strategies each week. A great example of this was when our scheduled Zoom Community Meeting refused to cooperate..... instead of giving up, we all got our coats on and held the meeting in the middle of our playground instead! Plans with FoMM, David's up-coming music festival, Harvest Festival, the recipe book, Lily's swing, black history and Mental Health Day still made the agenda, and left us with lots to follow-up too! Such times provide the teachers with opportunities to reinforce and model resilience, adaptability, flexibility, positivity and a 'can-do' attitude.



One of our stars this week, Ollie Nowok, Year 4, has been complimented by his mum, Kasia, for having such a great week. Kasia says Ollie:

... 'was doing his homework (reading and practising writing beyond requirements), was very kind, had manners and was helping a lot around the house....for the whole week'. Well done Ollie! Keep up the good work.

I would like to compliment Kenny Ochije and Jenevieve Byron, who always use their very best manners when they greet in the morning. They always say 'thank you' when I ask them how they are, and always ask me how I am in return. Thank you!

After School Clubs

As anticipated before the start of the term, we are now in a position to offer some after

? school clubs. Pupils are offered the chance to attend Study Club with myself and Sarah

Jane on Tuesday, Mystery Club with Viv on Wednesday (years 1-6), Virtual



Street Dance with Kelly (and me!) on Thursday, running parallel to Football Club with 360 Sports,



while Sarah Jane is offering ukulele club on Fridays.

All clubs are subject to minimum numbers, so please don't forget to register your interest as outlined in Joy's recent letter.

Please note that these plans are subject to change if government advice requires us to do so.

Harvest Festival

We look forward to receiving your contributions to our Harvest Festival collection on

Wednesday, 21st October.

All donations of essential daily items are welcome, but the Kerith Centre has asked for urgent supplies of dried, tinned and packet foods, long life products,

jams and spreads, pasta and cooking sauces, toiletries, nappies and cleaning products. A display will be available for you to add to outside the office on Wednesday morning, although we must still ask you to adhere to our distancing and drop-and-run guidelines! Thank you.

Secondary School Evening

**Tuesday, 20th October
7pm-8pm**

If you have not done so already, please remember to hand your form into Joy by the close of TODAY (Friday).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
OLLIE NOWOK!!!
We hope you have a lovely birthday!

Facebook Update

Our old Facebook page has been relaunched with renewed vigour and a slightly different purpose. As well as pictures of your children hard at work and play, we will be posting videos, links, quotes and insightful gems that underpin our practise. Check it out and remember to like, share and follow!



Unfortunately, we can't hold our usual Halloween dress up day, but we are having a home clothes day on Friday 23rd October instead.



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Year 3&4 enjoy football fun in the sun.....



.....and boomwhacker fun in the classroom!

Reception enjoy their Forest School session, while playing in the new mud kitchen. Thank you if you've donated pots and pans.....we've still got room for more!



COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Absence A quick guide for parents/carers



COVID-19
Coronavirus

**Stay
Safe**

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
 <p>... my child has coronavirus symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not come to school ✓ Contact school ✓ Self-isolate for 10 days ✓ Get a test ✓ Inform school immediately about test results* 	<p>... the test comes back negative</p>
 <p>... my child tests positive for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not come to school ✓ Self-isolate for at least 10 days ✓ Inform school immediately about test results* 	<p>... they feel better, but after 10 days. They can then return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone</p>
 <p>... somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not come to school ✓ Contact school ✓ Self-isolate for 14 days ✓ Symptomatic household member to get a test ✓ Inform school immediately about test results* 	<p>... the household member test is negative</p>
 <p>... somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not come to school ✓ Contact school ✓ Self-isolate for 14 days 	<p>... the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p>
 <p>... NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not come to school ✓ Contact school ✓ Self-isolate for 14 days ✓ Seek a test if symptoms develop 	<p>... the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation</p>
 <p>... we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<p>Term time holidays, including quarantine time, are unauthorised.</p> <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not come to school ✓ Contact school ✓ Self-isolate for 14 days - even if a test is negative ✓ Seek a test if symptoms develop 	<p>... the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed</p>
 <p>... we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not come to school ✓ Contact school ✓ Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>... school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>
<p>... I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<p>Only people with symptoms** need to get a test People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive</p>	<p>... when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

* At parental discretion

** Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste