

It has been quite refreshing to focus on the positive events happening at Meadowbrook in the last few newsletters, with barely a nod at the pandemic. At the time of writing however, we are waiting to hear if the last of the restrictions will be lifted on Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, although I'm sure we won't be surprised if this doesn't go ahead just yet. Reported cases of COVID-19 in Reading and Wokingham are growing rapidly and in Bracknell Forest alone, seven primary schools and five secondary schools are currently implementing close-contact or closure measures in response to positive COVID-19 cases. We are sharply reminded that the risk posed by COVID-19 is still very real and present!

Our staff are remaining vigilant in order to ensure Meadowbrook is impacted as little as possible by the local risk and next week we are expecting an intake of PCR tests to comply with the newly-implemented surge testing in local post code areas. Please continue to check your emails regularly, as government and local authority updates are

increasing in frequency again.

Please remain vigilant yourselves when on site and remember to maintain social-distancing. With less than 4 weeks to go until the end of term, it would be less than prudent to relax our precautions just yet and instigate an early closure for any of our classes, or, worse still, the whole school.

Even when outside, we request that you are aware of your distance from others, and hold in mind the fifteen-minute rule. In the event of a positive case, close-contacts are classed as people that remain within 1m of a positive case for 15 minutes **across the day**. The 15 minutes do not have to be consecutive minutes; rather they are minutes in total, which emphasises the significance of distancing. Let's get through to the summer holiday without a hitch!



We can't wait to welcome our dads to our special show on **Friday 18th June (2.30-3.30pm)** Assuming we can go ahead, prepare to be amazed with

songs, poems, skits and some added extras! The forecast seems to have changed and is predicting more pleasant weather than we expected so an outside performance is still on the cards. We will, naturally, be arranging our 'audience' into distanced spaces, so our beautiful new benches may not get the test-run they deserve at this event, but at this point I am sure you will all be happy just to be there!

*Please note that we will cancel this event if we feel that it is in the interests if the community to do so.*



Thank you to all the families that have volunteered to be on our chicken committee for holiday and weekend care. Having discussed it in more detail, we have decided that the best way forward is to start an email thread with the families concerned and we will just do a shout-out when we are in need of help. We are not planning to get the chickens until the new September Term.

Please be in touch if you have any questions

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