
Newsletter 19

Dear Parents

Well, we are almost at the end of what has been another school year that has been disrupted by the presence of Coronavirus. You will be aware of the announcements signalling that restrictions will be lifted nationally on Monday 19th July. We have been closely monitoring the rise in cases locally along with considering how best to safeguard our community of pupils, parents and staff into the summer holidays.



With that in mind, we have decided that we should continue to adhere to our current risk assessment which includes measures such as increased cleaning schedule, the separation of class 'bubbles' at all times and social distancing where possible. **In addition, we would politely request that parents continue to wear masks when on site just for those last couple of days until the holidays.** I hope that you will agree that this will both assist everyone to stay well and healthy into the holidays but also to hopefully prevent periods of isolation for families during the summer break.

If there are any positive cases amongst our pupils during the first week of the holidays, please email the school on the main office email, to assist with close contact tracing. Similarly if there are any direct cases or periods of isolation affecting pupils as we enter the new term in September, please let us know.

We sincerely hope that next year will become a little more 'normal' and that the school day timings will be back to 8:40-3:00 for everyone and that the bubbles will be able to mix again. We will be watching the national situation over the summer holidays and will confirm arrangements towards the end of the holidays when there is a clear picture of how the lifting of restrictions is affecting the country.

One area I can confirm though is that we moved to children wearing PE clothes all day as a result of our covid measures. It has been so popular, we have opted to continue that children will continue to wear their PE kit from home on the days that they have PE. This I am sure is welcome news and hopefully will help out when organising school uniform requirements over the break!

Thank you to everyone for their support and understanding during what has been a difficult year for us all. Lets hope that next year will see some normality resume!

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all of the parents who completed our parent questionnaire.

The overall picture has been pleasing. Your feedback is really helpful in telling us what you value and want us to continue doing along with steering us towards areas that you feel could be improved. We will be considering the outcomes carefully whilst developing our improvement plan for next year.



End of term reminders

As we approach the end of the school year, please come in and search for any lost property (including drinks bottles and lunch boxes) as we will have a good clear out to start afresh in September!

Likewise, please return any library / reading scheme books outstanding and settle any ParentPay arrears.



Winford Ducklings Baby and Toddler Group

Winford Ducklings Baby and Toddler group are looking to start running sessions again in September on Wednesday mornings in the school hall from 9.00 to 11.30am. They are looking for 2 people to take over the running of the group as Sue Johnson is standing down.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Sue on 01275 472323 or 07871 732617, as this community group is really important in bridging the gap for children between birth and pre-school.



Holiday Activities at Colstons School

Oxford Active have some exciting holiday programs going on at Colstons School, Bristol from 26th July – 13 August for children aged 6-14. Activities include target shooting, search and rescue, archery, fire lighting and survival skills. For more information please go to www.oxfordactive.co.uk or call 01865 594325



Wednesday 21st July – Last day of term

The last day of term will be a non-school uniform day- no donations required.

Parking

I know that we have mentioned parking recently, but we are still hearing about cars being parked in a way that is not mindful of others. Please can parents avoid parking on the **yellow zig zags** and also avoid the **very wide pavement** (see picture below). Please remember that you are welcome to use the car park at the rear of the Waterloo pub to park when dropping off or collecting.



Celebration Assembly mentions from the past couple of weeks

Lion



Tommy- for showing real determination to participate in our Sports Day races. We've been practising lots this week and although Tommy doesn't always find it easy to feel confident enough to have a go- he really impressed us with his determination and willingness! Well done Tommy- we were very proud!

Bobby- for super maths work this week. We have been looking at 100 squares and the patterns of odd and even numbers. Bobby is very interested in these and shows a good understanding of the work we have been doing in class

I'd like to nominate the whole class for an all-round great week! We've been very busy with talking about moving to Year One, Sports Day, doing phonics assessments and sharing in Maths. Everyone has been super in all these things and we've had a lovely week!

Leopard



Millie, you have been super keen on joining in with our Maths lessons this week involving money. You have been excellent at using the proper mathematical language such as 'value' and showing your skills when counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to count the different amounts. Well done!

Daniel, Neve and Harrison, you have all shown some super understanding of contractions in our literacy over the past 2 weeks. You have all been able to identify words that have been shortened, using the correct vocabulary, such as 'apostrophe' and what the original two words were. This is some very hard concept! Excellent work.

Holly - A big well done for your extra hard work in literacy. You did a great job at looking back over your writing to make changes or corrections. This time gave you the opportunity to reflect on your knowledge and understanding of punctuation, which will only make your writing better in the future. Mrs Smith also said that your concentration on this task was brilliant.

To the whole of Leopard Class - What a wonderful 'Sports Day' you had in the end. A big well done for taking part in a variety of races and doing your best for your team. It was so great for all the adults and children to watch you having fun and joining.

Panther



Mia Y has really impressed me this week with her focus and concentration, especially with her handwriting and presentation, which is looking fantastic.

Sam has also been making a huge effort when it comes to the presentation of his work in class. He has begun to neatly and accurately join his letters and concentrate on making all of his letters the same size and sit nicely on the line.

Darcey has been much more focussed in class and listening well. She's also been putting up her hand and contributing to discussions and answering questions. Keep up the good work, Darcey!

Lexi and Mia Y - For working collaboratively during the Lego challenge. They shared ideas with each other and were very creative with their construction!

Clayton - For contributing so positively during class discussions. Clayton always shares his ideas and explains his answers in wonderful detail.

Tiger



Zac and Taliah - for cooperating so well in the maths lesson - recapping multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. They both worked incredibly hard together, using place value counters to help them to really understand the concept. It was great to hear them discussing their learning and helping each other. Well done :)

Tom and Brandon - for always coming in happy and upbeat and being so helpful in the morning. Tom and Brandon always make sure that the classroom is ready and everything is handed out. Thanks boys - super helpful!

Molly - for having a great attitude to her learning. Molly produces some fantastic work and always shows great curiosity in lessons. When asked if she would prefer a housepoint or a dojo, Molly responded saying that she just enjoyed learning! Molly demonstrates a superb love of learning. Well done Molly! 😊

Neve - for working so hard in maths this week. Neve has shown great determination and used place value counters to really help her understanding. As well as this Neve has worked well with others and been more confident approaching maths challenges and because of this, Neve has made some amazing progress this week! Massive well done and keep this up 😊

Jaguar



To all of Jaguar Class for participating so enthusiastically in our Eel project. Over the last four weeks we have cared for a tank full of young eels (elvers). We have learned about eels life cycles and we have discovered what we can do to protect this endangered species. We were so good at our job that we were able to release 60 eels back into the world where they will be able to live healthy and happy lives. Well done Jaguars, you have been amazing throughout the project!

Lola - you have a mature attitude to your learning, listening carefully during lessons and get straight on with the task, always putting in your best effort. You offer help to others and you manage the distractions around you really well. You take feedback given to you in order to improve your work. Keep up the hard work in Year 5!

Max - your enthusiasm and positive attitude make Jaguar class such a lovely place to be. You are kind to others, always trying to make us laugh with your brilliant wit. You have found a keen interest in writing and illustrating your own books lately and this has inspired others to do the same! You show a great sense of curiosity and ask really thoughtful questions. Well done and keep it up!

Lynx



The whole of Lynx class – you all made me so proud on our river trip on Wednesday. All of them overcame something, a fear of water or getting wet, working on friendships, taking the lead in their team – even though that is out of their comfort zone. They were fabulous fun, represented our class and school really well and the kayak company said they had the most fun and best day with us too.

Special mention from all of Lynx class has to go to all of the adults who helped on the trip, for being fantastic sports and jumping in the river too! Everyone had a wonderful and very wet day out

Elise for working really hard this week to perfect her newspaper report. She edited and reedited and has produced a terrific piece of writing in the 3rd person and past tense!

Grace for also working incredibly hard on her newspaper report, editing and correcting her tense and speech to produce a great article.

Puma



For an impressive improvement in arithmetic recently, due to hard work and determination- Florence, Lola and Abbey.

And for a similarly great improvement in their comprehension skills - Blake, Thomas and Oliver.

Alfie He, Liam, John and Eva for their well-researched and written balanced arguments on people's environmental views...Your last big piece of year 6 writing!