



JANUARY 2022 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Sympathy

On behalf of our whole school community I would like to take this opportunity to pass on our love, support and sympathy to the Skorka family who have recently suffered a bereavement. I know they have been part of the prayers of all who know them, in particular, our Year 1 Lisbon and Year 7 families. Please keep Mateusz Skorka and all the family in your prayers at this very sad time.

Welcome Back and Thank You

It has been lovely to welcome back the children after their Christmas break. We have been impressed by how well they have settled and their willingness and enthusiasm to learn. We would like to thank you for the many Christmas messages, cards and gifts that we received at the end of last term. Your kindness and support is very much appreciated.

Covid Information

There have recently been changes to rules of Covid-19 testing. From Tuesday 11th January anyone who gets a positive result from a lateral flow test will no longer need to get a follow-up PCR result if they **do not** have symptoms. However, it remains the case that if you are **experiencing symptoms** of Covid-19, then you should take a PCR test. This advice is for children as well as adults.

The three main symptoms listed by the NHS are:

- **High temperature**
- **New, continuous cough:** This is defined as coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- **Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste:** This means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal (anosmia).

Save the Children Charity Day

On Wednesday 15th December we raised **£426.50** money for Save the Children. This was a fantastic amount for a very worthwhile charity – many thanks for all your support.

Mufti Day

As our last Mufti day had to be postponed we will now have a Mufti day on **Friday 11th February**. The children may wear their own clothes to school in exchange for £1 towards school fund. Children will need to give their £1 to their class teacher in the morning.

Carpark

Please could parents avoid walking through the school car park before and after school as there are staff exiting or arriving and it is unsafe for children to be walking/scooting through the carpark. Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance Update

The whole school attendance has been **94%** from 2nd September until 3rd December. Unfortunately, this is still below the **96%** minimum target set by the Government. Class attendance can be seen below.

Nursery	86%	
	Lisbon	Padua
Reception	90%	90%
Year 1	94%	94%
Year 2	93%	95%
Year 3	95%	94%
Year 4	96%	97%
Year 5	96%	95%
Year 6	95%	94%

A particular well done to **Year 4 Padua** who have achieved the highest class attendance during this time.

We have recently had some children being collected very late, this has a big impact on our staff when they have to stay with a child. They end up missing out on after school meetings and training.

Staffing

I would like to welcome Lisa Grant to our staffing team. Lisa is working as a Learning Support Assistant in our Nursery class.

Emergency School Closure

Our school continues to be registered with a scheme which enables us to contact you directly via text and email in the event of a school closure due to severe weather. In order for this to be possible you need to register your name, phone numbers and email address by following the link below:

member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489

In the event of a school closure due to severe weather, we will alert you via text and email on the morning of the school closure. This information will also be available on our website. We advise you to register as soon as possible.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

Year 1 Lisbon

Serah J has achieved Stage 2 of the Learn to Swim Awards

Leo M has achieved Level 7 of the Gymnastic Proficiency Awards

Year 2 Lisbon

Arthur M has achieved Level 7 of the Gymnastic Proficiency Awards

Hannah M was awarded a Rainbow certificate for Part 1 Piano, she also achieved a 10m Rainbow distance Award for swimming

Year 3 Lisbon

Maya M was awarded a 15m Rainbow distance award for swimming

Year 4 Padua

Adeeshe C was awarded a Yellow belt in Karate

Year 5 Lisbon

Emmanuel A was awarded a medal from Xtra time for football.

Year 5 Padua

Aadhav P gained a distinction for Grade 2 in Miruthangam

Jeremy O was awarded three medals from Xtra Time for being a Star Performer and Penalty King

Lotti L-P has achieved Level 1 of the Gymnastic Proficiency Awards

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 24 th Jan	Year 5 L and P visit Henley on Thames River Museum- details to go out to parents
Weds 26 th Jan	Year 6 L and P visit The Lincolnsfields Centre for a World War II day –details to go out to parents
Thurs 27 th Jan	Reception parents phonics meeting – 6pm
Weds 2 nd Feb	Candlemas - The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus. Children will attend special assemblies. Y5 and Y3 will be attending mass in the school hall with Fr Alex. Key Stage 2 Padua disco – more details to follow.
Weds 9 th Feb	Key Stage 2 Lisbon disco – more details to follow.
Fri 11 th Feb	Mufti Day for all children - £1 donation. End of half term – 2.30pm finish for Year 1- Year 6 2.25pm finish for Reception classes.
Mon 14 th Feb to Fri 18 th Feb	Half Term
Mon 21 st Feb	Return to school

Thank you for your continued support. God bless and take care,

Elaine Harrold

