



Remote Learning via Google Classroom

We are finding that a few children are beginning to develop coughs and colds and where some parents are uncertain about whether these are 'normal', they are taking their children for Covid tests. Some test results are being returned quickly but others are taking several days and so children are missing school while they wait at home.

At present, there are no positive cases within our school. Should this situation change, parents would be notified once Public Health have instructed us about the actions we need to take.

We are following the guidance from the Department for Education and are required to have a system for providing online 'remote' learning when a child is self-isolating.

As you will be aware, during our partial closure, we used Google Classroom as our online learning platform - this will continue.

From Monday, if your child is self-isolating, learning activities will be posted daily on their Google Classroom account.

Passwords

Since the beginning of term, we have been checking the children's accounts so that we are ready to provide this learning opportunity if required. We have noticed that some passwords have been changed by children or parents and the children cannot remember them to access their accounts. Please could we ask that passwords are not changed so that the children can use Google Classroom while at school as well as at home.

I need help with Google Classroom!

We are currently working on a 'Google Classroom Help Guide' presentation (with voiceover) to support you in supporting your children if you do need to access your child's learning on Google Classroom.

How often do I need to check Google Classroom with my child?

Year 6 are already using Google Classroom for posting the children's weekly homework so they do need to be logging in every week.

If your child is self-isolating, work will be posted as quickly as possible once you have notified us of the absence.

If larger numbers of children were required to self-isolate following a positive test, work would be posted as soon as possible.

DIARY DATES

Fri 25 th Sept	School Election results announced
Mon 28 th Sept 5:30-6:30pm	PSHE Consultation Q&A virtual meeting
Tues 29 th Sept @ 6:00pm	Virtual Parents' Evening bookings go live
W/b 5 th Oct	Walk to School Week – the start of WALKTOBER! More details to follow
Mon 5 th Oct	Prospective parents– virtual tour and information presentation go live (for Year 3 entry Sept 2021)
Tues 13 th Oct	Virtual Parents' Evening 5:00-7:00pm
Thur 15 th Oct	Virtual Parents' Evening 3:45-5:30pm
Mon 19 th Oct	Parents' Evening 3:45-5:40pm
Fri 23 rd Oct	Close for half term holiday @ 3:25pm
Sat 31 st Oct	Closing date for Year 7 places (September 2021 admissions)
Sun 1 st Nov	Applications for Year 3 (September 2021 admissions) open
Mon 2 nd Nov	INSET DAY
Tues 3 rd Nov	School opens for Autumn 2
Tues 3 rd – Fri 6 th Nov	National Parliament Week
Thur 7 th Nov 6:00-7:00pm	Prospective parents' virtual Q&A session (for Year 3 entry Sept 2021)
Wed 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day Assembly
Fri 13 th Nov	Children in Need Day World Kindness Day
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th Nov	Anti-bullying Week 'United against bullying'
Wed 9 th Dec	Annual Flu Vaccinations for all children Further details to follow
Fri 11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 18 th Dec	School closes for the Christmas holiday @ 1:30pm
Mon 4 th Jan	School opens for Spring term
Thur 7 th Jan 6:00-7:00pm	Prospective parents' virtual Q&A session (for Year 3 entry Sept 2021)

PSHE Consultation

We hope that you have had an opportunity to read our draft PSHE Policy and that you will be able to join us for the next stage of our parents' consultation - our virtual Q & A session on Monday 28th September between 5:30-6:30pm.

The meeting will include an opportunity to view some of the materials which will be shared with the children including those relating to puberty and conception. These materials will be shared at the beginning of the meeting at around 5:40pm. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions in the remainder of the time.

If you are able to join us, you can follow this link:

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)



Parents' Evenings

As mentioned in my last newsletter, we are unable to invite parents into school for parents' evenings this half term so these meetings will be virtual.

We have reviewed how these meetings will take place and have now decided that we will use 'Microsoft Teams Meeting' as our online platform. Further details will follow but each meeting will last for 10 minutes and appointment slots can be booked through your ScoPay account. A letter has been circulated with this newsletter explaining how to book your appointment date and time. The booking system will go live on **Tuesday 29th September at 6pm.**

A link to enable you to join your parents' evening appointment, and further details about what to expect, will be sent to you nearer the time. If you have any concerns about taking part in a virtual meeting, please contact the school office.

Curriculum Evenings

Thank you to those parents who joined our virtual Q&A sessions to ask questions related to the PowerPoints that we had sent out. We have always offered an 'open door' policy for parents to pop in and ask questions as they arise. As we are not able to do this at the moment, if you do have any queries, please let us know by phone or email and teachers will get in touch with you as soon as they can.

Christmas

You will notice from the diary dates that there are very few Christmas events. At the moment, we are uncertain which of our traditional Christmas activities will take place. We will of course provide updates when we have them but Christmas will most definitely not be cancelled at Cove Juniors!

We have unfortunately had to cancel the annual pantomime. However, we have arranged for a virtual pantomime for the children to watch.

Happy Birthday!

Hanna - 9 years old today!

Sebastian - 9 years old; Ksawery - 10 years old; and

David - 11 years old tomorrow

Florian - 8 years old on Sunday

Jack - 10 years old on Sunday

Daisy - 9 years old on Monday

Olivia - 9 years old and Jake - 11 years old on
Tuesday

Daisy - 10 years old on Wednesday

Madison - 10 years old on Saturday 3rd

Anna - 10 years old on Monday 5th

Aidan - 11 years old on Tuesday 6th

Emily and Jenson - 8 years old; Isla - 10 years old;
and Jyotsna - 11 years old on Wednesday 7th

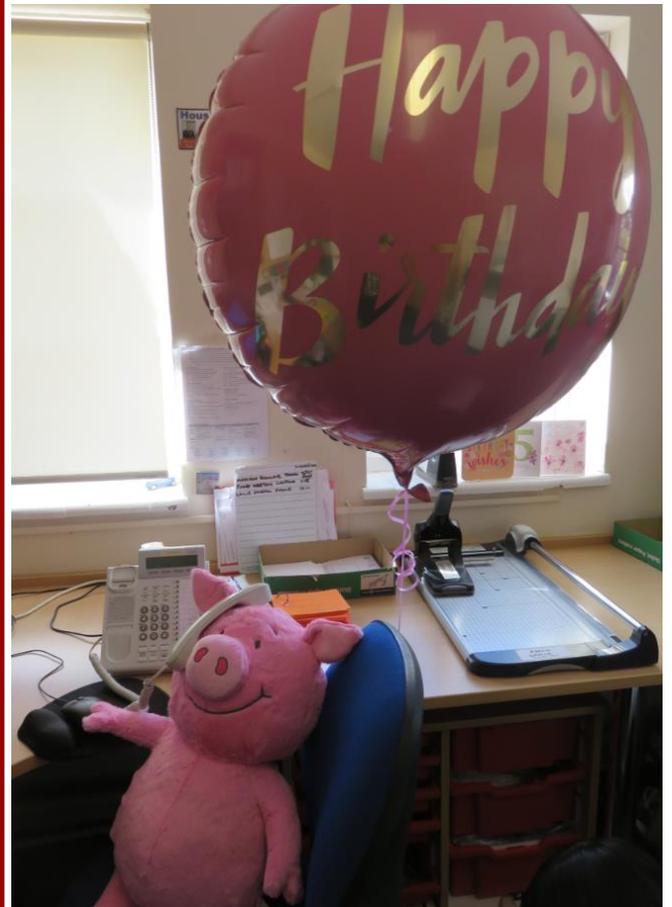
Lewis - 9 years old on Thursday 8th



Happy Birthday!

It was a very special birthday for Mrs Tan this week and we enjoyed spoiling her for the day!

She was especially pleased with one of her presents - Percy the Pig helped her run the office so that she could put her feet up!



Staffing News

Thank you to everyone who was able to make a contribution towards the cost of our new pencil cases. The children are already taking great responsibility for looking after their belongings.

A visiting health professional also commented on how 'kind and courteous' our children were when she was in our school on Tuesday.

Are any of you plumbers?

At the moment, we have several leaky taps in school! We have received a quote for the taps to be replaced but the cost is enormous!!

As with many areas, our school has suffered financially during the pandemic. Our allocated budget was not reduced when we were partially closed but our costs have increased and we have not received any of the additional funding that we rely on (e.g. fundraising such as the summer fair; income from Breakfast Club and After-School provision)

We would much rather spend the limited resources that we have on educating the children rather than replacing taps so if you have a plumber in the family who would be willing to volunteer and change the taps (we will of course pay for all materials), then we would love to hear from you.

School Election Results

A huge well done to all of the children who were brave enough to stand as candidates in our elections this week - an impressive 135 children had the courage to stand for election.

Those hoping to join our School Council spoke in front of their classes and Year 6 children hoping to be a House Captain had produced videos which were shared across the school. They should all feel very proud of themselves.

This year, we were unable to use the official voting booths and ballot boxes from the Borough Council but the voting process was still very official!

Congratulations to the following children who were elected:

School Council Representatives:

Year 3 - Hurricane - Oliver and Prarthana

Year 3 - Lancaster - Freddie and Corina

Year 3 - Spitfire - Aakash and Evelyn

Year 4 - Concorde - Zoe and Lucas

Year 4 - Eagle - Ollie and Isla

Year 4 - Hawk - Spencer and Rutvi

Year 5 - Vulcan - Eddie and Lily E

Year 5 - Merlin - Scarlett and Robert

Year 5 - Raptor - Cameron and Sophie

Year 6 - Comet - Sam and Ashlin

Year 6 - Tornado - Morgan and Bianca

Year 6 - Lightning - George and Harriet

Year 6 House Captains:

Bader - Ethan and Sienna

Gower - Dougie and Elizabeth

Johnson - Ryson and Martha

Whittle - Lennon and Milija

Start of the Day

We have noticed that there are an increasing number of people (including quite a few Year 6 children) who are arriving at school before 8:35am; some are arriving quite a lot earlier.

Please could we remind everyone not to arrive at school before 8:35am so that social distancing can be maintained at this time of day.