

CORBYP OLD VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Issue 11 – Friday 19th March 2021

We are so happy to have all of the children back in school and we hope that they are enjoying being back with their friends.

We only have one more week of this term left as we break up for Easter on Friday 26th March. We return to school on Monday 12th April.

We would like to thank our parents for adhering to the rules at drop off and pick up times. Although some nationwide rules are due to be relaxed slightly on 29th March, please be aware that these do not affect our school rules and we request that parents continue as they are doing now, after the Easter break.

A child friendly version of the roadmap for the planned relaxation of lockdown rules is attached to this letter and is also available in the 'Parents Area' section of our school website.

As Corby is still seeing some of the highest rates of Covid-19 in the country, the Senior Environmental Health Officer for the town has issued some reminders of the rules regarding drop off and pick up times. She has also confirmed that, from this week onwards, teams of Police Officers and members of Corby's Environmental Health and Health Protection Teams will be regularly patrolling areas around schools to ensure that rules are being adhered to. These teams will be offering advice, education and where serious breaches occur, taking enforcement action. The main points to be aware of are:

- 1 - Parents must ensure that they are at least 2m apart when queuing to collect children.
- 2 - Only one parent should do the school drop off/pick up.
- 3 - Parents/students should not congregate around the school gates. They should leave the school grounds and surrounding area immediately and should keep a 2m distance from each other at all times.
- 4 - Parents/students should not walk home in groups. Each person is permitted to walk with one other friend or members of their household/bubble, but anything other than this is in breach of the current restrictions in place.
- 6 - Parents should wear face masks at drop off and pick up times unless exempt.
- 7 - Please do not congregate on the corners around school when other bubbles are leaving. Please wait on the yellow markers and use the waiting zones that are marked out on the pavements.

Class and Individual Photographs

As you may remember, we had to cancel our school photographs in the Autumn term due to Covid restrictions. Class and individual photographs have been re-booked and are now due to be taken on Thursday 29th April. As we are still unable to use the school hall, all photographs will be taken outdoors so please keep your fingers crossed for good weather. If the weather is bad on the day, we will try our best to reschedule them again for a later date in the summer term. Unfortunately, due to restrictions still being in place, we will be unable to offer sibling photographs this year.

Red Nose Day

Today is Red Nose Day and this year the theme is Disney. Children were allowed to come to school in mufti or Disney fancy dress. Some photographs of the children are below and these along with a few more are available to view in the 'Galleries' section of our school website.

Thank you for all of the donations made today. We will count up the money next week and will let everyone know how much we have managed to raise.

We do still have some red noses left to purchase and these will remain on sale until the end of this term. If you would like to purchase any, please send some money into school with your child. Noses are priced at £1.50 each.



Late arrivals at school

Please ensure that all children arrive on time for school in the mornings. Late arrivals run the risk of crossing paths with other bubbles within the school which is what we need to avoid. Late arrivals are also disruptive to children's learning.

We understand that sometimes running late cannot be helped and we ask that, if your child is going to be late, please inform the school office. If you arrive while other bubbles are waiting to go into school, please wait away from them until the area has cleared.

We have noticed that we have some persistent late comers. If you are struggling to get your child to school on time, please let the school office know and we will do what we can to help.

Ventilation

We would like to remind parents that we must keep our classrooms well ventilated at all times. Good ventilation helps to reduce the risk of spreading infections.

Unfortunately, this does mean that classrooms may be a little chilly at times which is why we ask that children come to school with appropriate clothing. Please make sure that they have something warm with them to wear inside, in case their classroom does become cold. Hopefully the warmer weather is on the way so this should not be too much of a problem going forward.

Star of the Week

Our Stars of the Week for the last two weeks are:

W/C 8th March

Pixie - Max

Unicorn – Fynley

Pegasus – Eva-May

Griffin – Petar

Centaur – Charlie H

Dragon – Poppy

Phoenix – Kaan

W/C 15th March

Pixie - Chester

Unicorn – Charlie G

Pegasus – Bogdan

Griffin – Sara

Centaur – Casey

Dragon – Harry M

Phoenix – Rebecca

Well done to all of the children!

Safeguarding

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our children, please contact the school and ask for Miss Thomas or Mrs Lowe (Designated Safeguarding Leads)