

CORBYP OLD VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Issue 10 – Friday 5th March 2021

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on Monday 8th March. Information regarding the full re-opening was emailed to parents last week but if you have not seen this, it is available in the 'Letters Home' section on the school website.

Please note that the start and finish times for some classes have changed slightly. A reminder of the new times is below:

Class	Drop Off Time	Collection Time
Pixie	8:45am	3:00pm
Unicorn	8:50am	3:05pm
Pegasus	8:55am	3:10pm
Griffin	8:45am	3:00pm
Centaur	8:50am	3:05pm
Dragon	8:55am	3:10pm
Phoenix	9:00am	3:15pm

Face Coverings

From Monday 8th March, we request that all adults who can wear face coverings, do so at the school gates at drop off and pick up times. Staff members who are on the school gates will also wear face coverings.

Please can we ask that you keep your distance from school staff and if you have any questions or need to talk to a member of staff, please email them instead of approaching them at the gate. If you are unsure of the email address you require, please contact office@covs.northants.sch.uk.

Parking

Please can we remind parents that they must not park on the double yellow lines around the school. Please park safely and walk your children to the school gates.

Virtual Worry Box

We understand that some children may be feeling nervous about returning to school, so have set up a virtual 'worry box' for each class in Teams. In here, children can type in their worries or concerns, without the other children being able to see them. When they submit their worry, it will automatically be sent to Miss Thomas and Mrs Lowe who will contact them and try and help ease their concerns.

If your child struggles to find this, please contact their class teacher or email office@covs.northants.sch.uk.

Lateral Flow Testing

Although primary school children will not be tested at this moment in time, the government have announced that families and support bubbles of primary aged children will be able to access two lateral flow tests per person, per week.

These tests will not be provided by schools. You can access tests in the following ways:

- Through your employer – Your workplace may offer lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.
- Take a test at a lateral flow test site – Our local test site is a Lodge Park Sports Centre. You need to book an appointment and this can be done online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk.
- Collect test kits – You may be able to collect two packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Check at www.gov.uk to see if this option is available to you.
- Order home test kits online – If all of the above are not possible for you, you may be able to order tests to be delivered to you at your home address. Please visit www.gov.uk for more information. Please do not order if you can get a test through other methods.

If a member of your household/bubble tests positive, they must book a full PCR test straight away and all members of the household/bubble must stay at home until the result is received. Please inform the school office immediately of any positive cases. We will then consult with the DfE and will contact any families who may have had contact with the positive case.

School staff will continue being tested twice weekly and if a positive case is confirmed, we will contact the parents of children within the affected bubble via text message and email, instructing them to isolate for ten days.

School Lunches

Please remember to book school lunches if you require them. If you booked lunches for this term before lockdown began, please check your account and re-order if necessary as your bookings may have been cancelled.

Year 6 Secondary School

Children in Year 6 were allocated their secondary school places this week and we hope that they are all happy with the schools that they have been offered.

If your allocated school changes for any reason, please make sure that you inform the school office so we can update our records.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on Friday 19th March and this year is Disney theme. Children can come to school on this day dressed as a Disney character or in mufti for a donation of £1 towards the charity. TK Maxx are selling Red Nose Day t-shirts online if anyone is interested in purchasing one.

Red Noses will be available in all classes for children to purchase from Monday 8th March. If you would like your child to purchase one, please send them to school with £1.50. We will not have any change so please send them with the correct money.

World Book Day

On Thursday 4th March, we celebrated World Book Day. The children attending school were able to come in dressed as their favourite book character and we saw some fabulous costumes as you can see in the photographs below. These photographs, along with a few more, are also available to view on our school website in the 'Galleries' section within the 'Our School' page.



Star of the Week

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

W/C 22nd February

Pixie - Robyn

Unicorn – Frankie

Pegasus – George

Griffin – Libby

Centaur – Mario

Dragon – Andrew

Phoenix – Leo

W/C 1st March

Pixie - Aria

Unicorn – Lea

Pegasus – Nina

Griffin – David

Centaur – Georgia

Dragon – Nicole

Phoenix – Cassie

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)