Newsletter Spring Term 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are getting very excited to welcome everybody back on Monday. Risk Assessments are written, loads of hand sanitiser, gloves etc have been bought. Staff will all be in on Thursday and Friday to get everything ready to hit the ground running on Monday morning.

So tomorrow will be the last day of zoom sessions. The staff have lots of lovely activities planned for World Book Day tomorrow. Remember to have a book at hand all day ready for when I text <u>DEAR</u>, drop everything and read. Please also take lots of photos of you all reading in unusual places. The governors story time is all uploaded to the website so please take a look tomorrow. If you are at home or in school tomorrow, you can either dress up or bring a prop to class or zoom, to represent your favourite book if you want to. But please don't make any non-essential trips out or spend money to buy anything. Just be creative and use what you have at home. Just enjoy the day!

# **Lateral Flow Tests**

We as staff are now used to doing regular lateral flow tests to check we are safe to be in school. But this week these tests are being made available to all families with school age children. This means you can test all the adults in the family on a regular basis. We have identified some asymptomatic cases through our lateral flow tests so it is well worth doing. You need to collect them from your local distribution centre. If you follow the link below it will tell you where your nearest centre is. find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/

#### **Next Week:**

We will be using the same gates as September opening (We will send the list on Friday).

We will be using the same gate times as September (We will send the times on Friday).

Children will need to be in as close to full uniform as possible but we do appreciate shops are still closed so we will be flexible for the remainder of this academic year.

Children will need a water bottle each please.

Children will need their PE kits please.

Children will need their book bags please.

If you require breakfast or after school care please book this via parentmail. Thank you.

Please line up in gate order and maintain social distancing.

Please don't gather around the school gate, move on as quickly as possible.

Please wear a mask whilst queuing at the gate.

Please park away from school if you need to drive and walk to your gate.

Please keep your child home if they are at all unwell.

Please have a backup plan if we have to close a bubble, especially at short notice.

Thank you in advance for all your support with the above.

## **Show Racism the Red Card**

Thank you for all the amazing poster entries for the Show Racism the Red Card competition. There were some really fantastic posters. We are going to display them around school. We took a blind vote today in school and the final entry that we are putting forward is by Freya in Yr 5. She created a beautiful poster with a lovely caption and illustration. Well Done and good luck Freya. Thank you to Ms Vidal for organizing this.

# **Cars Idling**

As our thoughts are turning to the full opening of school it is really worth remembering about air pollution and trying to reduce the air pollution around our school. It has now become illegal to leave your car idling on the street. There is a phone line for reporting cars that are idling and the penalty for 3 minutes or more is £80. Please do not get caught out by this. Turn your engine off at any time you are parked. Best of all is to park away from school and walk the last part of your journey please. <a href="lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/parking/reporting-idling-vehicles">lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/parking/reporting-idling-vehicles</a>

#### **Birthdays**

A happy birthday to all of you on the list. I hope you all had a great time.

Last Saturday – Lisa 9 and Arturo 9 Last Sunday – Sophie 9 and Owen 10

Monday Scarlett 7 and Daniel 9

Tuesday Emily 5, Talha 6, Victoria 6, Khaled 11 and Aaqilah 11

One more day of zoom sessions, two more after that of work uploaded on line and then you can hopefully shut those home classrooms for a while, fingers crossed. I can't wait to see the school back up to full capacity on Monday.

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Enjoy Book Day.

Yours truly

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