

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. We hope that everyone had a happy and safe break. We have been impressed with how calm and settled the new half term has begun. Children have returned focused and ready for learning. It has been lovely to see the work the children have completed over the half term.

## Maggie's Kitchen Table

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November we are taking part in Kitchen Table Day. Maggie's is a national charity which supports people recovering from cancer. Jane Halliwell, one of our Teaching Assistants is organising the day with us to raise money to say thank you for the support she has received from Maggie's over the last few years. Children are invited to:

- Wear something orange
- Donate cakes
- Donate between 20p to £1

(Trays of cakes will be brought to each class).

## Class Newsletters

Children will have brought home class newsletters today outlining the planning for this half term. We are focusing on light as a whole school theme. We started this week learning about Diwali. Children have been making Diwas and Diwali cards. We have also been talking about enjoying watching fireworks in a safe way. Year 2, Nursery and Reception watched a small firework display on Tuesday afternoon. Year 2 have been learning about November 5<sup>th</sup> and the gun powder plot.



## Goodbye and Good luck

Today we said goodbye to Miss Finnigan our ICT Teaching Assistant. We held an assembly with Year 6 to say thank you and good luck. We would like to thank Miss Finnigan for all she has achieved for the children at Lily Lane over the last 5 years. Miss Finnigan played an important role in redesigning and maintaining our school website. She was also responsible for our daily family newsletter during the lockdowns. She is leaving Lily Lane to focus on her new career as a pharmacist. Good luck and stay in touch.



## Taster Event

Families are invited to join us at 9:15am for a coffee morning or at 12:30pm for a kitchen table school dinner event.

# Autumn 2 Term 2021

Date	Group	Event	Time
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Whole school	Autumn 2 Term Begins	
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Parents	FOLL	2pm
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Y5/6	Athletics Club Begins	3.20-4.15pm
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Whole school	Diwali	
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Whole school	Maggie's Kitchen Table	
<b>W/C 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	KS2	Debate	
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Whole school	Children in Need	
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Whole school	Light Festival	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Whole School	Poetry Party	2pm
<b>6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School	Performances and Concerts	
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School	Christmas Market	
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School	Christmas Dinner	
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School	Party Day	
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School	Pantomime	
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School	Last day of term	1pm finish

## Covid Cases

We have been advised that there are a few confirmed cases of Covid in school. We are doing all we can to keep school as safe a place as possible for all children, staff and their families. Please read the below letter from the authority which explains in more detail about how to get help when needed.

### General letter to all school students / parents / guardians and staff

#### Advice to All Parents – if a positive case is confirmed

Dear Parents,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school/nursery/college/ setting.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school/nursery/college/ setting remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. We encourage household members that are aged 11 and over to continue with twice weekly LFD testing to help identify cases promptly.

If you think your child is a close contact but has not have not been contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace then they should take a PCR test via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-a-free-pcr-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus-covid-19) or by calling 119. **When ordering a PCR test it is important to check the box (online) or tell 119 'I've been told to get a test by my health protection team' and not 'I've been told to get a test by my school or nursery'**. Further guidance can be found at [Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-tracing-for-people-with-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person)

#### What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If the child has a positive test result but do not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-a-free-pcr-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus-covid-19) or by calling 119.

#### Instructions for people who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 (tested positive or symptomatic awaiting a test result)

From 16 August, [you will not be required to self-isolate if you are a contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19](#) and any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Fully vaccinated means that you have been vaccinated with an MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine.

NHS Test and Trace will contact you to let you know that you have been identified as a contact and check whether you are legally required to self-isolate. If you are not legally required to self-isolate, you will be provided with advice on testing and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19. Even if you do not have symptoms, [you will be advised to have a PCR test as soon as possible](#).

**Any member of the household who is aged 18 years and 6 months or over and has only received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine or has not received any dose of the COVID-19 vaccination will still be required to self-isolate as household contact of a someone with COVID-19 symptoms awaiting testing and someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.** Please read the [stay at home guidance](#) which provides information on this.

Household members who are not exempt from isolation as close contacts should not go to work, school/college/childcare/education setting or public areas, and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online. Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

You could be fined if you do not self-isolate following a notification by NHS Test and Trace. You may be entitled to a one-off payment of £500 through the [NHS Test and Trace Support Payment scheme](#) if you are required to stay at home and self-isolate or you are the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate.

Those who are [clinically extremely vulnerable](#) should be supported to minimise their contact with other people in the household during this period, regardless of whether others have symptoms or not.

### **Instructions for household contacts who are not required to self-isolate from 16 August**

Even if you are vaccinated, you can still be infected with COVID-19 and pass it on to others. If you are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 but you are not required to self-isolate, you can help protect others by following the [guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#). As well as getting a PCR test, you may also consider:

- limiting close contact with other people outside your household, especially in enclosed spaces
- wearing a face covering for those aged 11 and over in crowded places such as school/college/public transport
- limiting contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable
- taking part in [regular LFD testing](#)

You should follow this advice while the person in your household with COVID-19 is self-isolating.

If you are a health or social care worker or a student undertaking a work placement who has been identified as a household contact and are exempt from self-isolation, there is [additional guidance available](#) that you should follow to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 in these settings.

If you develop [symptoms](#) at any time, even if these are mild, self-isolate immediately, [arrange to have a COVID-19 PCR test](#) and follow the [guidance for people with COVID-19 symptoms](#).

**For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.**

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

### **How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading**

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- get vaccinated – everyone aged 18 and over can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments](#) now and 16-17 year olds are being offered 1 dose of the vaccination by 23 August
- wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- wear a face covering if aged 11 and over when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places
- participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results>

## **Further Information**

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely

Headteacher/Manager/Principal