

Covid Cases As you will be aware we have had a rather challenging week. We have had several cases over the last few days with some children returning to school and some children still isolating at home. We have had to put a couple of control measures back in place such as not all mixing in the hall for assembly and lunchtime, not mixing at playtimes and staying in our class 'bubbles' to reduce the chance of transmission. These will hopefully be short term measures whilst we ride out this surge in infections however after seeking further guidance from Public Health England, whilst there are still live cases in school these measures will remain in place. Please ensure that your children arrive at school on time as we have to minimise their movement around school and late arrivals have to come through the front door and walk right through the middle of school. Thank you.



Year 5/6 Residential We are intending on taking the Year 5 and 6 children on a residential school trip late in the summer term. This will be a visit to an urban setting which will develop our children's understanding of a contrasting location to the one in which they live which is part of our Geography curriculum. It will also enrich their 'cultural capital' (which is the term used to describe developing in children a wider awareness of living in Britain today). We are intending on visiting Manchester on the 6th - 8th July. (Y5/6 parents will have received further details including consent, prices and the itinerary yesterday)



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| 4 Jan - Staff Training Day |
| 5 Jan - Children return |
| 4 Feb - Chinese Dance Day for Y2/3 |
| 9 Feb - FGB meeting |
| 17 Feb - break up for half term |
| 18 Feb - staff training day |
| 28 Feb - Return to school |

Orienteering in School This week we have had the school grounds mapped and have had lots of orienteering controls placed all over. The courses that are generated by the controls can be used for lots of cross curricular activities as each control can generate a different task - eg. times table challenges, spellings, history facts etc. It is a really active way to learn and remember more curricular content! Click on the link to see how it works! <https://www.crosscurricularorienteering.co.uk/>



Chinese New Year Next Friday we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. Swale Class (Y2/3) are taking part in a Chinese Dragon Dance workshop and will need to be in PE kit for the day please. Please make sure you have logged onto Parentpay to give consent and pay. Thank you.

And finally...thank you for your continued support regarding staff and pupil absences and the complex challenges that these absences present - it is very much appreciated by us all!

Pre School - Our theme this half term is: 'Let's explore!'

Reception and Year 1 - Our theme this half term is: 'Let's explore!'

Year 2 and 3 - Our theme this half term is: 'Let's go to China'

Year 4, 5 and 6 - Our theme this half term is: 'Vikings and Anglo-saxons'