



**Chinese New Year** As part of celebrating the forthcoming Chinese new Year (1st February) Class 2 will be taking part in a Chinese Dance Workshop on Friday 4th February 2022. Please log onto parentpay to give consent for your child to take part and to make your voluntary donation. Thank you.



**Parents' Evening** We are excited to welcome you back into school soon after we return from February half term. We will be holding parent consultations on **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March from 4pm -**

**6pm.** This is an opportunity for you to come into school and have a look at all the work that the children are doing as well as a chance to discuss their progress with the teaching staff. Further details and how to book a meeting slot will be sent out nearer the time but for the time-being, please keep these dates free! Thank you.



- 4 Jan - Staff Training Day
- 5 Jan - Children return
- 24 Jan - No After School Club - Staff training
- 9 Feb - FGB meeting
- 17 Feb - break up for half term
- 18 Feb - staff training day
- 28 Feb - Return to school



**Attendance** I have a statutory duty to monitor attendance and punctuality and act upon any attendance that is a cause for concern. More often than not, of late, children's attendance is directly attributed to a school request asking them to be at home either

because of covid, because of being a close contacts of a positive case or because of a sickness bug.

This however makes a nonsense of the whole attendance issue - basically, school has been encouraged to send children home, but are now asking parents to improve their child's poor attendance! It is nonsensical but it is an area that I will be challenged on by the LA or Ofsted under the **'Behaviour and Attitudes'** section of the inspection schedule. Thank you for your understanding in this.

**School Uniform** I have noticed that a number of children are currently wearing trainers for school. Please can I remind you that trainers should only be worn for school on days when the children have PE. At all other times, they should be in black shoes as per our uniform policy. Thank you.

**And finally...**we have had several confirmed **Positive Cases in Class 3** and following advice from PHE England, we have had to isolate the class from the rest of the school. This simply means that they will be kept separate from everybody else for a period of at least 5 days; they will have their lunch in the classroom and will not be attending assemblies or swimming lessons this week. This really illustrates the importance of daily LFD testing so, if you have a child in Class 3, then you must test them daily so any other cases can be identified as early as possible. Thank you.

<b>Pre School - Our theme this half term is: 'Let's explore!'</b>	<b>Reception and Year 1 - Our theme this half term is: 'Let's explore!'</b>	<b>Year 2 and 3 - Our theme this half term is: 'Let's go to China'</b>	<b>Year 4, 5 and 6 - Our theme this half term is: 'Vikings and Anglo-Saxons'</b>
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