

## February (1) 2022

As we approach the final week of half term I would like to begin by sincerely thanking you for your understanding and support for our school during this very challenging time. We do not underestimate the challenges that you, as parents, face in keeping your own children safe and engaged in their learning and social activities as well as managing the logistics of your own work, childcare and wider responsibilities.

My thanks also go to the teaching staff who, due to the shortage of substitute teachers, have covered classes, worked additional days, taught combined classes and delivered remote learning to self-isolating pupils in order to keep our pupils in school, being taught face to face. It is thanks to their efforts and those of our support staff that we have had only two days on which we have had to close a class and deliver remote learning.

By continuing to work positively together we will get through this particular stage of the pandemic and hopefully return to some level of normality in the near future.

In the meantime, I wish all of our pupils, parents and staff members a restful and well-earned mid-term break.

### Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 7 February – Friday 11 February is *Children's Mental Health Week*. Pupils will be participating in class activities during the week and in recognition of the challenges we have all faced over the past few weeks we are going to celebrate *Children's Mental Health Week* with reduced homework next week.

We hope that pupils will have additional time after school to engage in activities of their own choice and to spend time with friends and family.

### School Development Parent Workshops

The first of these meetings will be held on Wednesday 23 February from 7pm – 8.30pm.

To facilitate planning and refreshments a link to an attendance form is below. Please complete by Thursday 10 February.

We hope that at least one representative from each family would be able to attend and we look forward to working together towards the future development of the school.

<https://forms.gle/nA8QiUQrCBxwaYUi7>

### Safer Internet Day

On **Tuesday 8th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2022**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement,

companies, policymakers and more, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Resources for Parents and Carers which is available at: [saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents](https://saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents).

There are top tips, quizzes, and films which you can use at home with your child. Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the [UK Safer Internet Centre](https://saferinternet.org.uk/parents) ([saferinternet.org.uk/parents](https://saferinternet.org.uk/parents))

Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet](https://childnet.com/parents-and-carers) ([childnet.com/parents-and-carers](https://childnet.com/parents-and-carers))

Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media](https://commonsense.org) ([commonsense.org](https://commonsense.org))

Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters](https://internetmatters.org/controls) ([internetmatters.org/controls](https://internetmatters.org/controls))

Information and reporting of online grooming or sexual abuse from [CEOP](https://ceop.police.uk) ([ceop.police.uk](https://ceop.police.uk))

## **P7 Results**

All the staff wish the P7 pupils awaiting results on Saturday morning the very best of luck. We are proud of each one of you and look forward to helping you all prepare for your move to Year 8.

## **Post Primary Admissions**

The online EA Post-Primary Application portal is now **open. It will close at 4pm on 23 February 2022** for Year 8 post-primary applications.

## **P7 Parent Consultations**

Should P7 parents wish to make an appointment for a pastoral consultation and/or discussion of post primary applications you may do so by *contacting the school office*.

Appointments are available at the following dates and times:

Wednesday 9 February     2.15pm – 3.15pm  
Thursday 10 February     9.30am – 11.00am

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[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

Friday 11 February

9.30am - 11.00am

## **P1- P6 Parent Consultations**

Parent consultations will be held on the following dates:

**Monday 28 February (School closes for all pupils at 1pm)**

**Wednesday 2 March (School closes for all pupils at 1pm)**

**Thursday 3 March (School closes for all pupils at 1pm)**

**Appointment dates and times will be sent home early next week.**

## **Mid-term Holiday Reminder**

School will close at **2pm** for all pupils and staff on Friday 11 February and reopen on Monday 21 February.

## **Dates for your Diary**

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| 08.02.22        | Last Lego Club session   |
| 09.02.22        | Last Playsport session   |
| 09.02.22        | P7 Parent Consultations  |
| 10.02.22        | P7 Parent Consultations  |
| 11.02.22        | P7 Parent Consultations  |
| <b>11.02.22</b> | <b>School closes at 2pm for all pupils and staff</b>                     |
| 23.02.22        | Post Primary Application Portal Closes                                   |
| 23.02.22        | School Development Parent Workshop at 7pm                                |
| <b>28.02.22</b> | <b>P1- P6 Parent Consultations (School closes at 1pm for all pupils)</b> |
| <b>02.03.22</b> | <b>P1- P6 Parent Consultations (School closes at 1pm for all pupils)</b> |
| <b>03.03.22</b> | <b>P1- P6 Parent Consultations (School closes at 1pm for all pupils)</b> |

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