

Parent/Carer Newsletter



Key Dates for Parents/Carers

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November: Anti-Bullying Week

SCHOOL CLOSED FROM TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Important Information

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers,

I hope you have all been keeping well. There are some important topics that we need to bring to your attention...

There have been three confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our school community. I have attached the letter informing you that the school will be closed as you will see in the letter below. Each case has been risk assessed and the outcomes shared with Parents.

Currently, Ecuador class will isolate for 14 days and the whole of Year 4 will isolate for 14 days. There has also been a confirmed case in the Front Office, which means a number of staff are required to isolate for 14 days. The school closure is in place to enable the school to ensure the site remains safe and usable, while both Site Managers and myself are off site for the isolation period. As soon as we are able to put key actions into place, we will reopen the School for everyone but Ecuador and Year 4. Remote learning will now take place via TEAMS.

If you have not been given a letter about isolating it is still always good to familiarise yourself with guidance - you can find this information in the attached letter. As soon as you have anyone within your house hold showing symptoms please inform the school and all self-isolate until a negative test result has been received. Please do not send children to School if a member of your household has tested positive or is awaiting test results. This is crucial in controlling the spread.

We understand that this may be concerning for you but please rest assure that we are handling the situation and working closely with Public Health England. It is frustrating for us all but we can get through this together.

Thank you for your understanding.

Many thanks,

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Monday 16th November

Urgent - School Closure as of Tuesday 17th November.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have been made aware that a two children and member of the office team have tested positive for COVID 19. A child in Ecuador (Year 3), therefore this class has been asked to isolate for 14 days, which they should continue to do, regardless of this letter. A child in Year 4, has also tested positive, in this case the whole of Year 4 will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. A separate letter will be sent to Year 4 parents as this information has just been reported. Please inform the school if any member of the family has been tested positive. No child should be sent into school if a member of their household has been tested positive.

The member of staff in the office has had NO contact with children. However, members of the office staff, the senior leadership (including myself) and both site managers have had direct contact and must isolate for 14 days. As both site managers and I are not on site, I am forced to close the school on grounds of health and safety. We are working with partners and LA to put in place key training so that that school can reopen the school as soon as possible. I am unable to give a date as yet.

In the meantime, pupils will resume remote learning online through TEAMs. There are a small number of pupils who we identified as not having access to computers, they will receive a pack tomorrow or Wednesday. I appreciate that this is not ideal, but we must follow the guidance and act accordingly. I am sorry for the lateness of this letter, we were awaiting some confirmation, which we received only moments ago.

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.

If you child tests positive during the school closure, please email the school on mail@wexhamprimary.com or inform the class teacher through TEAMs. We will still need to report the case and take action with that bubble.

Reminder

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-quidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection





The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school 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 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- · a new continuous cough
- · a high temperature
- · a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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 COVID-19 spreading

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

Do

- · wash your hands with soap and water often do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- 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

Further Information

Further information is available at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Yours sincerely.

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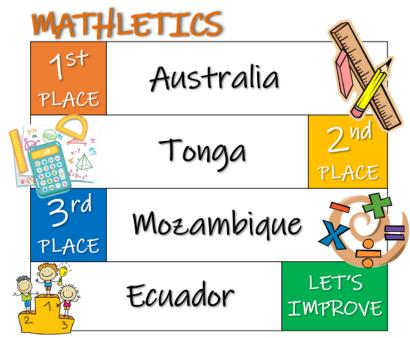
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Awards & Honours

•	HOUSE1	POINT	TS THIS WEEK
	House Name	Points	Ranking (1)
	Copper Beech	679	4th
was a	Horse Chestnut	695	3 rd
1 1	Majestic Oak	742	1 st
	Sycamore Sycamore	711	2 nd



STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Morning Annais Afternoon Gurasses	+ England Aaraiz	Australia Umaiza		Ecuador Arisha	Mozambique Simrina	Hungary Caleb A	· .
	Wales Faryal	Tonga Max	≥ Jamaica Safa	Peru Tamiah	Tanzania Caleb	France Yahya	China Avaani
	Scotland Mika'il	Fiji Alexzander		Chile	Morocco Jacy	Italy	Thailand Medinah





Key Messages & Reminders

Movember

Men's health is in crisis. Men are dying on average 6 years earlier than women, and for largely preventable reasons. Since 2003, Movember has funded more than 1,250 men's health projects around the world, challenging the status quo, shaking up men's health research and transforming the way health services reach and support men.

This year our male teachers have committed to growing moustaches during November, to raise awareness and money for men's health. We hope you can help support the cause. Simply click here to contribute.

Please make sure you put your child's house name in the comments section, as Mr. Saud has agreed to dye his hair in the colour of the house which donates the most money in November!



Anti-Bullying Week

This week is Anti Bullying week and the theme is 'United Against Bullying.' To commemorate antibullying week, the children have been making leaves with kind words and wishes on them. "We're all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we're united against bullying"

Queue jumping

We have been informed that some Parents are jumping in front of people whilst queuing at pick-up time. This is definitely not the behaviour we expect from Parents! It is simply not fair to jump the queue whilst other Parents have been waiting in line. We ask that you follow the rules that have been set by the School during drop-off and pick-up as these have been put in place for everybody's safety.



Blue Peter on YouTube

We received an exciting email from Blue Peter informing us that they have launched <u>Blue Peter on YouTube</u> at CBBC.

Blue Peter is the longest running kids' TV show in the world and they are uploading videos that are suitable for 5-11-year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about their incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

If you think your child would be interested click <u>here</u> to view their channel.





From all the staff here at Wexham Court Primary School, we hope you have a great week ahead!