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COVID-19



Will there come a time when we will no longer be discussing Coronavirus in the newsletter?! I am hopeful that this may be one of the last! Just a quick note to update families on our current position; sadly we are still seeing both pupils and staff who become unwell with Covid. Due to the vulnerable nature of the special school community, the local authority have asked all staff who work in a special school to continue with twice weekly lateral flow testing until the end of the Summer term. However, if in an outbreak scenario we will no longer be closing classes for a two day circuit breaker. The only time it may become necessary to temporarily pause face to face learning, is if staff absence affects operational procedures, meaning that there are insufficient staffing levels to ensure the safe opening of a class. We do still ask that families remain vigilant to the onset of potential symptoms and keep their child at home if they are unwell. I will continue to inform, families if there is a confirmed positive case within your child's class.

Welcome back!

At long last we are able to welcome parents and external visitors back into school. There has been a buzz of excitement through the school over the past

week as we start to regain a little of the 'Middleton Factor' that we all enjoyed before the pandemic! It was a joy to see so many parents at our coffee afternoon this week. Hopefully when we hold the next one the weather will be kinder and we can spend some time outside in the sunshine together! Next Thursday we will be holding reading training for parents as detailed on the letter sent out this week. Please do inform the school if you would like to reserve a place on this training. Within school the children have begun to widen their offsite learning experiences, begun mixed ability learning groups, attended whole school phonics sessions and today we held our first whole school face to face assembly for two years! The future is finally looking brighter!

Visit to Bayford School

This week, a group of pupils from Middle School visited Bayford School to spend the afternoon learning with a group of mainstream peers. The children had a fabulous time; they joined together for a PSHE lesson and enjoyed a playtime and a game of football! The children made some fabulous new friends.



Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Lower School pupils are starting to learn about their new topic 'All About Ware'. They have visited Ware in their off site learning this week and observed features of the town. They have also noted the shops in Ware and the Robins children then designed their own shop fronts.



The pupils in Owls have also been learning about night and day. They re-created their beds in the classroom for night time and then 'woke up' when the daytime symbol was shown!



Middle School

The pupils in Middle School have all enjoyed an exciting trip into London this week. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to support the pupils on this trip. The pupils were enthralled with the train journey and the sights of London – but especially enjoyed their MacDonaldis lunch!



The pupils are enjoying their new topic entitled 'Shopping' They have enjoyed learning about money and spending money! They have also made cheese scones in food technology lessons this week, learning to read the measurements on a digital scale and rub in the butter and flour with their fingers!



Upper School

The children in Upper School have begun work on their new topic 'Britain through the decades'. This week, the children have been playing playground games from the 1930's.



They have also been designing their own game to play with friends in pre War Britain. In statistics lessons the pupils have been analysing

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a range of charts and graphs. In PE the pupils have begun focus work within Athletics.

Dates for the diary

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday; school closed
Thursday 5th May – Parent Reading Training

I look forward to seeing some of you in school next Thursday and hope that you enjoy the extended weekend.

Take care

Debbie Hartley

