Newsletter 23 13th March 2020

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

The children are continuing to work hard and enjoy their learning. Lots of activities have taken place this week.

**Coronavirus Update**

Following the government update given yesterday, it is still the official position that schools are to stay open until further notice. Please be reassured that we are following the advice shared by the Department for Education and the NHS regarding hand washing and hygiene. We are reinforcing this message daily with our children.

Parents are asked to check the NHS advice site at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/cornoavirus-covid19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/cornoavirus-covid19/) for best ways to minimise the chance of infection. This site also gives clear advice on what to do if you believe someone in your household has been infected.

**Water Bottles**

To avoid the risk of children sharing water cups or beakers, please ensure that your child has their own water bottle in school which is clearly labelled with their name and class.

**The Local Pantry**

A new community shop has opened called ‘The Local Pantry’. For a small weekly subscription of £3.50, members at the YMCANS Pantry will be able to purchase a weekly food shop including fresh fruit and vegetables and family favourites to stock up the cupboard and fridge.

Visit <https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/ymcans/> to find out more.

**Year 5/6 Football**

On Wednesday a group of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in a football tournament against 5 other schools at Stoke City Football Dome. The children played extremely well and were great representatives of our school. Well done!

**School Uniform / PE Kits**

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform to school – black or grey tousers or skirt for girls and black or grey trousers for boys. Please note that leggings are not school uniform. Also, please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school on a Monday which can then be left in school for the week. If you are struggling to provide your child with the right school equipment / uniform, please speak to a member of our inclusion team who will be happy to support you.

**Before and After School**

Please make sure that you are keeping a close watch on your children at the beginning and end of the school day. Children should not be using the outside fixed play equipment or climbing on planters around school. Thank you for your support with this.

**Attendance**

We continue to monitor attendance very closely at school. Below are the latest attendance results for each class for last week.

**Congratulations** to **Class 5MF** for having the 100% attendance last week and to **Y2AB/ET and Y3** for having the least amount of late marks – well done.

Our school target is 96%.

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|  | **Lates** | **% Attendance** |  | **Lates** | **% Attendance** |
| **R1JT** | 9 | 93.6% | **3ES** | 3 | 94% |
| **R2HP** | 8 | 89.7% | **4ES** | 5 | 93.7% |
| **1EM** | 9 | 95.3% | **4TG** | 10 | 99.3% |
| **1LW** | 5 | 96.6% | **5CW** | 7 | 92.7% |
| **2AB**  | 11 | 97.7% | **5MF** | 8 | 100% |
| **2AB/ET** | 3 | 97% | **6EP** | 12 | 95.7% |
| **3DY** | 3 | 92.9% | **6JR** | 6 | 98% |

**Dates**

**17th March 9:15am –** Mother’s Day Assembly for Reception parents. Please enter via the school sports hall door.

**17th March** – Parent’s Evening. School closes at 2pm

**18th March** – R1JT School Trip to the Farm

**26th March** – Whole school photographs