

# School News



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Primary School

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**AUTUMN TERM 2020**

**Friday 23rd October 2020**

*Dear Families,*

How have we reached the end of half term already? I am immensely proud of how our pupils and families have adapted to the changes brought by COVID this half term. Despite remaining solely in our bubbles for the last 8 weeks, we have seen so much fabulous learning. It has also been wonderful to see your entries for the 'What Makes us Smile?' competition—they have now been sent off and all participants have been awarded a school certificate today for their efforts. I have also been delighted to present reader and writer of the term certificates through virtual merit assembly today—well done to all our worthy winners, we certainly have some budding authors in school!

Over the last fortnight school nurses have also visited to remind us about the importance of hand hygiene.

I wish you all a lovely half term break despite the restrictions we continue to face out of school and we look forward to seeing children return on Monday 2nd November. Stay safe,

*Mrs Highman*

## 2020—2021 Key Dates

### Autumn Term 2020

Half term holiday: Monday 26th October-Friday 30th October 2020

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November - virtual Parents Evening via Microsoft Teams (letter to follow after half term)

Friday 13th November-Children in Need

Week beginning 16th November-Anti bullying week

Tuesday 24th November - School Photographs (individual photographs only)

Tuesday 15th December - Flu Nasal Spray

Break up for Christmas - Friday 18th December 2020

### Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January—INSET day

Term Time: Tuesday 5th January 2021 until Thursday 1st April 2021

Half term holiday: Monday 15th February—Friday 19th February 2021

### Summer Term 2021

Term time: Monday 19th April until Wednesday 21st July 2021

Half term holiday: Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June 2021

## Children in Need—Dress Down Day



This year, school will be marking Children in Need on Friday 13th November. The theme this year is 'Five to Thrive' with a focus on mental and physical wellbeing. During the day, children will be completing five different activities to help them thrive.

For a donation of £1, children are invited to come in their own clothes to 'Dress Down to support your wellbeing and make you feel good'. Half of the money raised will be donated to Children in Need and half to school's fundraising pot. The event leads into national 'Anti-bullying week' when children will undertake extra lessons surrounding friendship and kindness.

## Thank you for indoor wet lunchtime toys/games

Thank you for your donations of toys, board games, jigsaws, puzzles, Lego and small world for our wet lunchtimes. These have now been quarantined and will be cleaned ready for use after half term. The children will be delighted!

## Breakfast and After School Club

Please support our breakfast and after school club - all bookings need to be made and paid for in advance by the Thursday of the previous week. Please contact school office to book.

## Year 6 - secondary school

Year 6 families—please remember to make your child's secondary school application by October 31st 2020. Your should have received a letter from the Local Authority regarding this.

## **SCIENCE FACT!**

A flea can accelerate faster than the Space Shuttle!

# Can my child come to school?

**My child has a new continuous cough/high temperature/loss or change of smell or taste.**

**No.**

Your child must isolate for 10 days.

Household members should isolate for 14 days.

Arrange testing for your child by calling 119 or visiting the NHS Test and Trace website.

Inform school of the test result as soon as possible.

**My child has a cold or is feeling a little unwell.**

**Yes.**

If your child feels well enough, you are fine to send them to school as long as they are not displaying any symptoms of the virus.

**Someone in our household has coronavirus symptoms.**

**No.**

The person with symptoms must isolate for 10 days and arrange for a test by calling 119 or visiting the NHS Test and Trace website.

Your child must isolate for 14 days. With the rest of the household.

Please inform school so that we can record attendance appropriately. We will monitor children in school but no action will be taken unless any children display symptoms.

**Someone in our household has been sent home from school/work to isolate for 14 days because they may have come into contact with an infected person.**

**Yes.**

Your child may still come to school unless the household member starts to display symptoms.

If you are unsure, please give us a call and we will do our best to advise.

## **Wolverhampton is now in Tier 2 'High Alert' restrictions**

The current rules mean:

- you must not socialise with anybody outside of your household, care bubble or support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 outside, including in a garden or other spaces like beaches or parks (other than where specific exemptions apply in law)
- It still remains statutory to attend school, unless you are displaying symptoms/ have another illness.

You should:

- Wear a face covering in those areas where this is mandated
- Follow social distancing rules

**It is especially important that only essential adults are bringing and collecting pupils from school and that social distancing between adults is maintained on the playground.**

Visit <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-information/covid-alert> for further advice.