



Horn's Mill
Primary School
Newsletter
Monday 28th Sept

Thank you...



Time is flying by and we have now been back in school for three and a half weeks. I wanted to say thank you for working with us so effectively and following the systems we have in place. Whilst the national picture is not looking positive COVID wise, I feel confident that our children are completely safe in school and we will continue to strive to ensure this remains the case.



Guidance received from Public Health England.

Fever following influenza vaccination

Parents and carers should be advised that flu vaccination may cause a mild fever which usually resolves within 48 hours. This is a common, expected reaction and isolation is not required unless COVID-19 is suspected.

Feeling generally unwell, shivery, achy and tired are also commonly reported symptoms following vaccination with inactivated flu vaccine. Nasal congestion/runny nose, reduced appetite, feeling generally unwell and headache are common adverse reactions following administration of LAIV.

These symptoms usually disappear within one to 2 days without treatment but paracetamol can be given if necessary to relieve any of these symptoms. As has always been recommended, any fever after vaccination should be monitored and if parents or carers are concerned about their child's health at any time, they should seek advice from their GP or NHS 111.



Flu Immunisations...



You will have received a letter informing you that the children are to be offered an immunisation for flu which will take place in school on 9th October. Please return this letter indicating whether you wish your child to take part or not. The NHS team have asked us to share this information with you in relation to this.



Distance / Home Learning...

This term, several families have found themselves in the position of having to isolate while awaiting COVID test results for somebody in their immediate family. We have



been instructed by the DFE that home learning must be provided for children who are off school due to COVID related issues and we are keen to ensure that we do this effectively, allowing children to keep up with their classmate's learning whilst they are at home. As school attendance is now a legal requirement again, this learning is **no longer optional** like it was during lockdown. We would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that this learning is completed please. Having said that, there will undoubtedly be various reasons why this is difficult for some families. We would **never** want this to cause anxiety or stress to anybody so we would just ask that you contact us so that we can support you in any way we can. The activities for your child will be sent via email as soon as possible, once they begin their isolation. It is likely that much of the learning will be via links to online teaching sites, and for longer isolation periods, may include videos created by our teachers.





Dates for your diary...

We have added a *few new exciting events* to tell you about...

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| Team 6 AmaSing Composition Day | Fri 25 th Sept | Break up for Half Term | Friday 23 rd Oct |
| Skipping Workshops – All Classes | Thurs 1 st Oct | Return from Half Term | Tues 3 rd Nov |
| Open Days – Individual Appointments for prospective parents with Mrs W | 5 th , 6 th , 7 th , 8 th , 12 th , 14 th Oct | Parent's Evenings on ZOOM! | Mon 16 th Nov Wed 18 th Nov |
| Flu Vaccinations | Friday 9 th Oct | DIWALI Days | Wed 18 th Nov Thurs 19 th Nov |
| Whole Class Photographs – all teams | Thurs 15 th Oct | SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS Last day on Fri 18 th December (Pick up as normal at 3/3.15pm) Back to school on Mon 4 th January | |

Text Messages ...



There have been one or two incidents this term where individual families have made us aware that they are not receiving texts from school. We believe that there may be an issue with the company we use for this service so we are keen to find out whether any more of you have not received them. Obviously you don't know if you have missed them, if you don't know they have been sent 😞 but if you can share any information with us via comparison with other families it would be much appreciated. Please contact Deb in the office, (in the afternoons) on 01244259680 if you feel you may be missing out.



Extra outdoor footwear...

Please could all children keep a pair of wellies or additional old outdoor shoes in school this term, so that they can change before they go outside? At the moment our class bubbles do not mix outside and the school grounds have been 'zoned' to allow as much outdoor time as possible. Obviously, seven bubbles cannot all fit on the playground, so we need to use the field and woodland as much as we can even if the weather is wet. If the children can change their footwear, then this will protect their feet (most importantly), but also reduce the amount of additional cleaning required if muddy outdoor shoes are worn inside school. As you can imagine, there is already LOTS of additional cleaning to do! Thanks everyone.



And Finally ...



We would like to create a promotional video for our school, as open days and 'live' tours are becoming increasingly difficult. If you have any particular talents or skills, in this area that you would be happy to share (cheaply!) please let me know! ☺

Thanks everyone, and stay safe.

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