

Weekly News

I don't normally send newsletters during the holidays, but with everything changing very quickly at the moment I wanted to keep everyone up to date.

As you have probably heard, the government announced last night that the five key tests have been met so they are recommending that primary schools open to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This is what we were expecting, and why the detailed proposal was shared last week.

I know that it is a scary time for a lot of families but I want to reassure you about the safety of opening schools; the rates across Suffolk are low and falling and the proposal is in place to reduce the risk of transmission as much as possible.

Many factors were considered when assigning children to their bubbles including the number of people that completed the survey a few weeks ago. This showed that the vast majority of children would be returning to school.

I have been made aware that there has been a lot of chat via Whatsapp groups in some year groups. I understand that there are concerns around friendship groups and the lack of people attending in certain bubbles. We do encourage all eligible children to attend school and will do everything we can to make the transition as easy as possible for each child.

Staffing

There have been several appointments made over the past few weeks. I hope to send a letter out next week to explain the staffing structure for next academic year.

In this letter, I will also outline which class your child will be in when we return in the Autumn term. However, this will depend on whether we can return to 'normal' classes at this point. Only time will tell what schools will look like in the coming months.

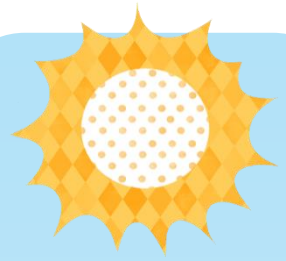
Cleaner and Midday Supervisor

Just a little reminder that there are adverts on the Witnesham Primary School website for both these roles. Please contact the school office if you, or someone you know, might be interested in either of these roles.

Communication

During the school closure, there have still been lots of developments within the Federation. We are not far away from launching our brand new website. We will also be launching School Ping which is a facility to share messages, send reminders, book parents evening slots and much more.

We will be sharing information about both of these in due course but hope that it will further improve our communication with the community.



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