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## February 2022 Newsletter

### **Thank you!**

As you will be well aware, over the last couple of weeks, our number of positive cases of COVID-19 amongst both pupils and staff made a sharp spike. I just wanted to take this opportunity to give a huge heartfelt “thank you” to you all!

Thank you for the overwhelming support that the academy has received in putting in to place additional measures to slow the increase in numbers that were seen. Because of this, we have thankfully seen a dramatic drop in positive cases amongst our pupils and staff.

In addition to the increased ventilation, hygiene and cleaning regimes that we already had in place within the academy, we have temporarily put the following measures in place also:

- Forward facing desks
- Adults continuing to wear masks in communal areas
- Bubbled playtimes and lunchtimes
- Online assemblies
- Restricted capacity in rooms

The pupils have been nothing other than absolutely amazing in adjusting to these new measures

and staffing changes that have been needed over the past couple of weeks. It has been wonderful to see the positivity and support for one another that they have shown. They truly are incredible.

Thank you also to our wonderful staff team who have been so stretched and challenged over the last few weeks but have managed to pull together to cover the staff shortages that we have seen.

We wish anyone who is currently having to isolate due to testing positive, a speedy recovery and we look forward to a time when our academy returns to running at full capacity.



### **Mini First Aid**

We had originally planned for all of our children to have Mini First Aid training on the 26th and 27th January. Because of the high number of absent children during that week, we took the decision to postpone this important training until 28th and 29th April. We think these skills are incredibly important for the children to learn and we’re sure you will understand why the decision was made to postpone this training.

### **February Already!**

Welcome to our February newsletter. Pupils are enjoying their learning within the academy with a variety of exciting aspects to our curriculum. These include dressing up as significant people from the past, designing new inventions, life simulation sessions, weekly sporting challenges and cookery!

Much new learning has already taken place and we are delighted to see that all pupils are embracing their new skills and knowledge with a good attitude.





### Dogs

Please be aware that no dogs are permitted on the academy site– this includes dogs being carried in their owners arms. We would kindly ask that everyone respects this. Thank you.



### World Book Day

We would like to remind you of the forthcoming World Book Day on 3rd March. We would love it if all of the children and staff could come to school on this day, dressed as a character from one of their favourite books. The children will all be involved in a range of activities inspired by children’s books. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful outfits relating to the books which our pupils have read.

### Postponed Trips

Unfortunately, because of the high number of positive cases of COVID-19 that we have had in the academy recently, both the Year 1 trip to Lincoln Cathedral and the Forces Group trip to International Bomber Command have been postponed. We will share the new dates of these visits once these have been rearranged.

### Labelling Clothing

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you all of the importance of labelling all items of clothing- whether that is jumpers, t-shirts or hats, scarves and gloves. When items of clothing are lost, they can quickly be returned to their owner if they are labelled. If there is no name in an item, it is more difficult to find the owner and these items often end up in our lost property box. We really do appreciate those of you that already take the time to do this - thank you.



### Year 1 and Year 2 Assessments

Please find the dates for Year 1, 2 and 4 national assessments below. It is vital with regards to school data and your child’s own personal records that your child is present within these weeks:

#### Y1: Phonics Screen Test:

WB 6th June 2022

#### Y2 SATs:

WB 2nd May 2022

#### Y4 Times Table Check:

WB 13th June 2022

### Diary Dates

#### February

**8th**– Rand Farm Parent Talk (**Year 2 & Year 3**)

**8th**– **Year 2** trip to Lincoln Mosque

**8th**– Safer Internet Day

**11th**– **Reception** trip to The Deep

**11th**– End of Term (**3.30pm finish**)

**21st**– Children return to school

**WB 28th**–**Year 5** Bikeability

**28th**– **Year 1** Phonics Parents Talk

**28th**– **Year 2** SATs Parents Talk

#### March

**3rd**– World Book Day (Dress-up)

**14th-15th**– Year 2 Rand Farm Visit

**15th–16th**– Year 3 Rand Farm Visit

**18th**– Red Nose Day (Non-uniform)

**22nd & 24th**– Parents Evenings

**24th**– Skipping Workshop–All School

**30th**–Year 5 visit Newark Air Museum

*(further details to follow)*

### Battery Recycling

We would like to let you know that we now have a battery recycling box within the academy. Should you have any household batteries (6V, D, C, AA, AAA, 9V or Button) please bring them in to the academy and place them in the box which is located in the front foyer.

### Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the poppy appeal in November. With your generosity, we raised £127.97 for this cause.

