

Newsletter 3 Spring 21st January 2022



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COVID

As expected, the school is now under significant pressure with regards to rapidly rising cases of COVID, both in terms of a couple of clusters of cases in classes and also with regards to staffing. We are keeping going as best as we possibly can but all staff in school are under significant pressure so please bear with us if some things aren't quite as slick as usual. Our main focus is the safety and wellbeing of your children and for as long as we can guarantee this, we will keep classes open and running!

Earlier today you will have received an email asking all children to take a lateral flow test on Sunday evening before returning to school on Monday and again on Wednesday evening.

Lateral flow tests are available to order (which will be delivered to your home address)

[Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Dates

January

25th Family Learning Parent Coffee Morning 9.30am

February

11th End of Term

21st School reopens

March

2nd Parents Evening 4pm-7pm

3rd Parents Evening 4pm-7pm

Homework



We are concerned that we are seeing an increasing lack of engagement with homework across the school and would urge you to ensure your children are completing their home learning tasks and submitting them on time. Teachers will endeavour to mark homework promptly each week, and before the next task is set. We have worked hard over the last two years to adapt our policy so that it is clear, realistic and focusses on the things that we know really make a difference when supported at home. The table below sums up our expectations – if you have any questions about this, then please speak with your child's teacher in the first instance. The full policy is available on our website.



All children should read a minimum of three times per week and this should be recorded in their Reading Record. In YR-4 this should be completed by a parent. Y5/6 can complete independently.

	Minutes per night	Minutes per week
Reception	10mins Sounds/Phonics; Number; Shape, Space & Measure	Talk Homework – 10-15mins. If children wish to record their talk homework in their book or via a photograph on Twitter they are very welcome to do so.
Year 1	10mins Phonics/Spellings Number bonds to 10; Times tables (2s, 5s and 10s)	Talk Homework – 10-15mins. If children wish to record their talk homework in their book or via a photograph on Twitter they are very welcome to do so.
Year 2	10mins Spellings; Number bonds to 100; Times tables (2s, 5s and 10s)	20mins – English or Maths Or 20mins project work
Year 3	10 mins Spellings; Times tables (3s, 4s, 8s, 9s); Mathematics	15mins English 15mins Maths Or 30mins project work
Year 4	15mins Spellings; Times tables (6s, 7s, 11s, 12s); Mathematics	20mins English 20mins Maths Or 40mins project work
Year 5	15mins Spellings; Grammar; Mathematics	20mins English 20mins Maths Or 40mins project work
Year 6	15mins Spellings; Grammar; Mathematics	30mins English 30mins Maths Or 1hr project work

Superstars

Well done to all the children who have worked so hard this week and demonstrated lots of our school values!

RLB: Imelda for amazing independent work.

1AB: Amelia for her super engagement and understanding of The Tempest.

2NC: Olivia for excellent effort in all lessons.

3FB: Jenson for remembering all your year 3/4 common exception words and persevering during all lessons.

4IH: Marcus for trying really hard with his learning and having improved focus this week!

5GH: AJ for being an amazing mathematician!

6GD: Alice B for settling in well and having a great first two weeks at Upton.

RJC: Olivia for her engagement and concentration during phonics.

1KB: Abel for fantastic drama in English.

2MF: Terelle for a positive week.

3CS: Charlotte for great listening and learning in Science and Art this week.

4JW: Archie for improving his writing every single week and pushing himself to produce his best work, keep it up!

5LJ: Marissa for always being my amazing helper.

6SW: Sabrina for writing amazingly interesting and funny stories about everyone in the class, both on her own and with friends. Also, for achieving her PSHE goal of becoming a full chorister at All Saints Church.

Reminder Family Learning

Join us for a coffee and a chat to find out about Family Learning.

The initial coffee morning will take place on Tuesday 25th January 2022 @ 9.30am.



Bronze Awards

A huge well done to all of the children who have achieved their bronze awards this week!

Elijah, Khushman, Thea, Milan and Aidan B in Class 1AB

Albert and Ese in Class 1KB

Philip, Ayesha, Leighton and Nicholas in Class 2MF

Sara and Mya C in Class 5GH

Amelia, Chiemelie, Farrah, Jayah, Kira, Noah and William G in Class 5LJ

Nancy, Alexandru and Costa in Class 6GD

Olivia J in Class 6SW



Attendance

