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APLEY NEWS

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Headteacher Message

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and restful break. We have had a very positive start back to school this week, it has been so nice to welcome everyone back.

We have some new, exciting topics happening this term. The Year group curriculum overviews are on the class pages on the school website and have been emailed out so that you can see what is being learned this term. We are continuing our community links with Veolia and Year 4 and Year 5 will be having visitors from Veolia in the next couple of weeks to deliver recycling workshops. Keep a look out on the website and twitter for updates about our curriculum this term.

Well done to those children who have received a Headteacher's award this week – what a fantastic start back to the new term they have had:



Cyrus D, Sunainah T, Luke W, Olin T, Emily C-M,

Sholah H-J, Lewis A-W, Charlie H, Kenan A,

Blanka P, Amelie F, Harry S, Melody E,

Isaac D-S, Riley W, Joseph P, Amber N, Oliver H

Covid, unfortunately, has not gone away and we are inevitably, still seeing some impact from this in our school community, including some staffing absences. We are keeping our risk assessment very tight within school and will do everything we can to ensure we can maintain as 'normal' a term as possible. If children are having to isolate but are well enough to continue learning then remote learning is available through Microsoft teams and the timetable on the class pages on the school website. Please contact the office if you need some support with this.

The latest advice from the Government and Health Protection hub is as follows:

- Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.
- Positive cases should isolate from the day symptoms started/day of test (if no symptoms) and for the next 7 full days (minimum). A day 6 and day 7 negative LFT test is required for de-isolation (staff/children must also be well and not have a fever before returning to school). It is advised that these tests are carried-out early in the morning so that if both tests return negative, the case can return to the setting on the morning of day 7. **Where children do not take a test on day 6 or 7 then they should self-isolate for the full 10 days.**
- If there is a positive case within a class, the recommendation is to request 7 day LFD testing for all the other children and staff in the class.

Apologies for the long covid update again, I really do appreciate your support to help to minimise the impact of covid within school and ask that you continue to remain vigilant for any symptoms and follow testing advice when necessary.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs E Smith

Headteacher

If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school

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Safer Internet Day

8th February 2022

Technology has always been and will continue to be an important part of our children's future. We are aware of the complexities surrounding staying safe online at home and therefore would like to offer you a session which will be delivered by Richard Smith from AmazingICT. This will take place on February 8th 4.00 - 4.45 via Microsoft Teams.

Here is a link to a questionnaire for you to let us know that you would like to attend and the issues that you have with your child/children using technology safely at home. A link for the Teams meeting will be sent out closer to the date.

https://forms.gle/bbHZrqoWHXmG5JrG9

Please complete the form by 31st January so that we can ensure the workshop covers your worries.

Thanks,

Mrs Pitt and Mr Taylor

Drum lessons

If anybody is interested in having Drumming lessons please consult Telford and Wrekin Music Service via https://www.telfordandwrekinmusic.co.uk as we have availability at School.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Monday 11th January	Year 5 Recycling Workshop
Wednesday 12th January	Swimming Lessons start for Year 4 & 5
Wednesday 19th January	Year 4 Recycling Workshop
Monday 24th – 28th January	Residential Arthog for Year 6
Friday 31st January	Completion of questionnaire for internet workshop
Tuesday 8th February	Internet workshop via teams 4.00 – 4.45
Friday 18th February	Break up for Spring Half term
Monday 28th February	Return back to school after Half term



COLD WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of any severe weather, listen to BBC Radio Shropshire (96.0) or look at the following Telford & Wrekin website:

http://apps.telford.gov.uk/snowline

If the school is closed you will be sent a text.

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