

Message from the Head Master

This week has been a busy week in preparing to respond to the guidance given to us by the Government with regards to COVID-19. The directives following yesterday's COBRA meeting have been relatively limited, but the clear new element is that ***anyone who has a new and persistent cough or who has a high temperature should self-isolate for 7 days***. As a result of that guidance we have made decisions with two priorities in mind:

1. To keep the core functions of the school going as best as possible, and
2. To prevent all pupils and staff from picking up a cough or a cold. At this end of a wet and cold term, runny noses and a sore throats are almost par for the course but we will do everything we can to ensure that pupils and staff stay healthy and will not need to self-isolate.

Having said that, we will be enforcing the guidance rigorously, and we ask parents to support that by keeping your children at home if they do present with these symptoms.

The iLetter does provide information with regards the school events which we have decided to postpone or cancel during the coming week. We will be reviewing the situation on a daily basis and will communicate plans for the final week of the term in next week's iLetter.

I have attached two additional documents to the iLetter today, one being Guidance for Home Learning in the Prep School and the other being Guidance for Home Learning in the Pre-Prep. These set out our intentions *IF* the school were forced to close before the scheduled end of term on the 27th March. Please familiarise yourselves with these documents because the closure of the school remains a possibility despite the announcement from the government yesterday. We are well prepared for this eventuality.

As ever, I am grateful for your continued understanding and support.

Whole School News

Years 3 - 6 Cancellations for week Commencing 16th March

- At this time, Sports Fixtures will take place but this could well change at the start of the week. Match Teas for parents will be provided outside, next to where the children are playing.

Monday, 16th March

- The Year 6 Parents' Evening will not take place and will be re-arranged for the early part of the Summer Term.

Wednesday, 18th March

- The Piano Concert will be postponed until the Summer Term

Thursday, 19th March

- The Singing Concert will be postponed until the Summer Term

Friday, 20th March

- Swimming Club will not take place
- The Larkman Cup will not take place

Nursery to Year 2 Cancellations for week Commencing 16th March

Wednesday, 18th March

- Nursery Activity Afternoon will not take place

Thursday, 19th March

- Toddler Group will not take place
- Swimming Lessons will not take place

Friday, 20th March

- The Pre-Prep Coffee Morning and Celebration Assembly will not take place

Dates in Advance

We thought that it would be helpful to look ahead at some of the lovely events that we have planned for the Summer Term.

Grandparents' Day	1 st May Pre-Prep 10.00 am – 12.00 noon, Prep 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Nursery Sports' Day and Picnic	8 th June at 2.00 pm
Pre-Prep Sports' Day	12 th June at 2.00 pm
Prep Sports' Day and Picnic	15 th June – Picnic from 12.00 noon
Reception and Year 1 Play	10 th June at 2.30 pm
Year 6 Play	10 th and 11 th June at 7.00 pm
Nursery End of Year Celebration	18 th June at 10.00 am
Summer Concert	24 th June at 6.00 pm
Speech Day	26 th June at 2.00 pm
FOBP Summer Ball	27 th June at 7.00 pm
Year 2 End of Year Celebration	30 th June at 3.00 pm
Leavers' Service	2 nd July at 3.30 pm
Year 6 Balsa Celebration (including the Leaver's Service)	2 nd July from 3.30 pm

Prep News

Years 3 – 6

Cross Country

Monday, 16th March

There will be Cross Country for all children in their games lessons on Monday, 16th March. Please could children bring in Old Trainers or Old Boots.

Year 4

Maths Morning

Tuesday, 17th March

Please could the children in Year 4 ensure that they have their School Coat and a pair of Wellington Boots in a bag in school.

Year 3

Outdoor Learning Morning

Thursday, 19th March

Please could the Year 3 children wear old clothes, a raincoat and trainers. Bring to school their Wellington Boots in a bag, if the weather is cold a hat and gloves would be helpful. They will change into their games kit for the afternoon.

Year 6

BikeAbility

Please could Year 6 parents return signed consent forms to the School Office as soon as possible. Mr Morris is due to meet Sam Cann, the course provider, on Wednesday afternoon and will need to go through them with her then. These forms were given to the children yesterday, so please do check your child's bag if you have not seen yours yet.

Pre-Prep News

Years 1 - 2

House Matches

Tuesday 17th March at 2pm

The boys will be playing football on the prep fields (boots and shin pads are recommended but optional) and the girls will be playing netball on the Pre-Prep playground. Afterwards there will be match tea for the children in the Pre-Prep Hall and Parents' tea will be served outside, next to the matches.