



# DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## Headteacher's Thoughts

As you will have seen on the news, although the national cases seem to be on the decrease, there seems an upward trend in primary schools – which I believe many schools around Witney are equally suffering. Thank you, once again, for your vigilance and testing to ensure that we are able to reduce the spread as much as possible and we are sending our best wishes to the children that are currently isolating at home. With this in mind, we are maintaining the wearing of masks within communal areas in school and will review the situation before the February half term.

Reflecting on this term so far, it would seem that our value of perseverance for this half term is very appropriate with the first line below saying, '*keep trying even when the going gets tough*'. I would like to thank staff for helping to cover classes and duties to enable us to keep the school running and for the perseverance of the children, who have returned after their isolation and although tired have kept going in their learning.

### Reminder

The confusion comes on how to determine day 5, we have checked this with the County team, and they indicate that the day of the LFD or start of the symptoms is **Day Zero (not day 1)** as there needs to be **5 full days**. The evidence also suggests that one third of positive cases will not be negative by day 5 and therefore may have to isolate for the full ten days. Please do ask if you need further clarification if required.

Have a good weekend and stay safe and well.

Mr. Leigh

### Our Christian Value for this half term is:

## Perseverance

We will be thinking about its meaning to keep trying even when the going gets tough. The children will be encouraged to have self-belief in order to keep on going and to speak out for what they believe is right. They will also reflect upon God's persevering love.

*Jesus said: 'Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened for you'.  
(Matthew 7:7).*

### Future Diary Dates.

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Online safety presentation for Year 6 from PSCO team.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Reception / Year 6 height and weight checks.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half term

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – INSET day

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – School re-opens

## Achievements Assembly

A big well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly this week.

<b>Cygnets:</b>	Remi Howard
<b>Ducklings</b>	The whole class for their pattern work
<b>Owls:</b>	Max Summers
<b>Mandarins:</b>	Nancy Gibbons, Evie Wright
<b>Eagles:</b>	Sam Oxspring, Chloe Pratley
<b>Robins:</b>	Poppy Brooks
<b>Kingfishers:</b>	Matty Spence
<b>Red Kites:</b>	Kahlan Owens

## Around the School

This term, Year 2 have had the exciting opportunity to spend time in Forest School each Monday afternoon – here is what they have been getting up to.







# INFLATABLE FOOTBALL FUN

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM PROGRAMME! AGES 4-12

**Ducklington Sports Club, Aston Road,  
Ducklington, OX29 7US**

**Dates:** Tues 22nd - Fri 25th 2021





**Time:** 9.30am to 2.30pm  
(drop off as early as 9am, pick up to 3pm)

**Cost: £15/day**

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