



DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 7th January 2022

Headteacher's Thoughts

Welcome back to the Spring term! It has been great to see the children back in school after the holidays, especially after our experience this time last year. I hope you received my pre-term letter on Tuesday with the few changes to our ways of working. As always, I appreciate your understanding in these matters.

As we found yesterday, the winter is certainly with us with its low temperatures, luckily this year, the heating system is slightly better (now in all classrooms from yesterday!) and therefore will not be as cold with the required ventilation, however on the colder days, you may wish to include some additional clothing layers for your child. We will, of course, continue to look at different ways to monitor the ventilation and heat levels in each classroom.

There has been so many changes to the national guidance this week, it has been hard to keep up, one of the changes has been the following: *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*, however this is only for anyone that does not develop one of the associated symptoms.

It has been brought to our attention that at certain times of the drop off and pick up, the village car park can be a challenge for families who walk to school. The main reason for this is there is only one way in and out for cars. Therefore, just a reminder, that if walking to school, you may have find it easier to come into school via the main school gate rather than the village car park.

Please could I remind everyone that all lunchboxes should all be nut-free to ensure that we have a safe environment for all children at school. Thank you in advance. 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.

Friday 14th January – 5-year-olds Dental Screening

Thursday 20th January – Resources Governors Meeting

Monday 24th January – P & S and Full Governors Meetings

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

Friday 18th February – School closes for half term

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2017** and **31 August 2018**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2022**.

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