



Hello Everyone

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school community by dropping their child off at the school gate each morning - this has certainly helped us to maximise our social distancing. Thank you also for making sure you use the 'IN' and the 'OUT' gates correctly which also ensures everyone can keep moving safely. We are still experiencing a few people who need reminding that we have the same social distancing expectations at pick-up times. We all need to work together to ensure the safety of EVERYONE in our school community, and therefore, **if you collect your child from**



school, I am asking that you wear a face mask if possible. I truly believe we need to do everything we can to keep everyone safe.

School has seen a few class bubbles needing to self-isolate over the past few days due to a positive test result for Covid-19 in the class bubble—this includes the children, Teacher, Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor allocated to that class bubble. Staff and children in the following class bubbles need to return to school on the following dates, if they feel well enough to do so:

4AB - Wednesday 30th September

3EB - Tuesday 6th October

6HB - Wednesday 7th October

SIBLINGS of children who have been asked to self-isolate should STILL ATTEND school, as long as there is no one in their household who is displaying the symptoms of Covid-19:

- **a high temperature (37.8°C or above)** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If anyone in the household is displaying symptoms, they must get a test immediately and ALL members of the household must stay at home (self-isolate) for 14 days or until there is a negative test result.

We have a lot of work to do with the children and we are keen that ALL CHILDREN attend school every day, as long as they are well enough and no one in their household has symptoms. I also want to reassure you that the school is taking every possible step to maximise the hygiene and safety of the school site: we have employed additional cleaning staff and purchased lots of new cleaning resources and products. The team are continually cleaning toilets, shared areas and touchpoints throughout the school day, as well as replenishing hand soap, paper towels, hand sanitiser and emptying bins several times a day. Lunchtime staff are also cleaning tables and chairs before and after use.

I am also requesting that ALL children come to school in a warm, waterproof coat that has their name written inside somewhere! The weather seems to have turned much colder and wetter, and we are still trying to ensure the children get as much fresh air as possible. It is therefore really important the children come suitably dressed to school (I know a lot of staff have been wearing their thermal vest for the past few days!).



Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.
Take care and stay safe!

Cathy Grace, Acting Headteacher

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European Day of Languages Poster Competition!

Dear Children,
Aston University would like you to design a poster about **another European country you would like to visit**.



The poster should tell us which country it is and some facts about it e.g. language spoken, food, music, famous landmarks etc. – the more the better! Entries should be submitted in French but you can include some English if you like (for example, you may want to provide a translation of the facts you provide). **Each poster should be no larger than a sheet of A4 paper and must be completed by hand**, but any form of materials can be used – felt tips, paint, fabric etc.

The prize is a £20 Amazon voucher and the closing date is Monday 12th October.



**I look forward to receiving lots of fantastic posters from you all.
Best wishes and good luck to everyone!**

Mrs C. Harmer - MFL Coordinator

National Poetry Day

The U.K. will be celebrating **National Poetry Day on Thursday 1st October** so of course we are going to enjoy some great poetry in school next week. Here are some links to great poets who have shared videos for us to enjoy. Maybe you could watch some? Maybe you could learn some? Maybe you could practise performing some and then share your performance with your class!

<http://www.afharroldkids.com/poetry-videos>
<https://www.michaelrosen.co.uk/videos/>
<https://watchkin.com/18cbb042b1>

Keep your eyes peeled (an idiom that mean notice things) as you move around school and see if you can spot any poetry lurking in unexpected places.



Next week is **Park and Stride** week at Thornton.

Swap the whole ride for PARK and STRIDE

Park and Stride is a simple idea that all families can take part in; including those that

live further away or working parents.

For those families that drive, we are asking you to park further away from school (5-10 minutes) and complete the rest of the journey on foot.

Two great reasons to join in

Healthier, happier children

Less congestion at school gates



Did you know?

The Chief Medical Officer recommends 10 minutes as the minimum duration of physical activity which will have a positive contribution on our health.

Healthy Snacks



Children can bring a healthy, nut free snack to have at break time. For example, children can have a piece of fruit or a nut free cereal bar during break time. Strictly no nuts are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies. Please do not send your child to school with unhealthy snacks such as crisps and chocolates. Break time snacks really help give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime! Thank you.

Dinner Money

Please pay your child's dinner money in advance on ParentPay at the start of the week on a Monday. Dinner money is £2.40 per day and £12 per week. Please contact the school office if you need help setting up your ParentPay account.



Attendance

Please can you contact the school office to inform us of the reason for your child's absence. Parents/carers please give school as much information as possible about your child's absence.

If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with the school nurse please ring the school office.

Thank you for your support.



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