

Friday 27th November - Week 12

Welcome to week 12 of autumn term.

Covid

Well it had to happen sooner or later I guess. We finally had our first positive cases within school. Thetford and Delamere are now closed until 11th December. I suppose the crumb of comfort is that at least children will get a week of some fun in school before we break up on 18th.

This does act as a reminder though of making sure we follow all the rules to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Guidance now is that if children are under the weather then they should be kept off and tested. While results are pending, other members of the household should stay indoors as well. Do not send children to school if someone in the house is waiting for test results. I am happy to report that Mrs Houghton and Mrs Steadman have both tested negative.

You should all receive a letter by email with information about our closures. Parents of children in Thetford and Delamere will receive a letter about Child self-isolation and other parents will receive a letter about general advice for schools.

No doubt you will be aware that Halton is in Tier 2 when lockdown ends next week. Here is a link to a handy guide of what to expect <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/explainers-52530518>

This is a useful guide on the full range of symptoms to look out for <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51048366>

The saddest part of this closure is that it will impact on preparations for Christmas. As I said in last week's letter, we were hoping to do a filmed nativity and make some crafts for parents to buy. We will do our best to get some things done in the closed classes but please forgive us if it's not as much as you would have liked to see.

All children in the closed bubbles should have access to work, either online or in packs. Sadly for them, they are expected to continue studies while off (☺) so please encourage and support them over the next two weeks. If children are ill then we would not expect them to work.

Non-Covid

I am pleased to announce Gary Keoghan, parent of a child in Y4, has kindly volunteered to be a parent governor. As there were no other nominees, there was no need for an election.

It is good that parents are making contact with teachers on our various platforms like See-Saw and Dojo. Could I just ask that you avoid using these during school hours as messages pop up in class and can be distracting. It would be better to send messages via the office or on email during the day.

Teachers always try their best to respond to all messages but please do bear in mind that they need down-time too so please be patient with replies.

Any urgent messages out of school hours should be done using the school mobile. Facebook messenger is checked quite regularly as well.

Please do continue to check the website for updates. We post information and school-specific guides there.

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Thank you ☺