



## This week...

Thursday 15th Oct

Cake Sale

Reception and Year 6 Child Health Checks coming home – please see note on page 3.

### Farm Rota

The Farm Rotas for both the October half-term and Christmas holidays are on School Interviews, ready for you to put your name down to visit and feed the animals.

[www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)

October - Event Code: mru gn

Christmas - Event Code: qf4xy

### Parental Consultations

**Tue 20<sup>th</sup> October** 11 - 1.15pm 3.30 - 5pm

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> October** 12.30 - 2.30pm 4 - 5.30pm

The teachers will be available to have conversations by phone and we will be taking bookings using school interviews as normal. We can do these within the school day as we will be organising activities around this.

[www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)

KS1 (Rec, Yr 1, Yr 2) Event Code: gsv2v

KS2 (Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6) Event Code: xaa3q

### Cake Sale – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

On Thursday we have a cake sale to raise money for Hillside School in Uganda.

On Cake Sale days, we ask that parents make or donate cakes for us to sell to the children for 20p so we can raise money for different causes.

**We do ask, however that all cakes are nut-free.**



### Nasal Flu Vaccinations – 18<sup>th</sup> November

Please log in and complete the form whether you would like your children to have the immunisation or not.

All details are on the letter, which is also on the website in the news tab.

If you have received a letter at home, you do not need to bring this in on the above date as you will have given your consent online.

### Asthma – Inhalers

If your child uses an inhaler for asthma, please make sure that we have one in school. They are kept with the teacher in the classroom.

### Wellie Boots, Coats and Uniform

We do need children to have wellie boots at school now the weather is changing, as we want to continue with as much time outside as possible. Please also make sure that the children have a coat in school every day as the temperature is dropping.

Reminder: on PE days children can come to school wearing their School PE Kits and green hoodies.

Monday Years 3 & 4

Tuesday Years 5 & 6

Thursday Year 2

Friday Year 1 Forest School clothes til half term

School uniform should be worn on other days - school sweatshirts and fleeces not hoodies. At present children can wear either summer or winter uniform as the weather is still very changeable.

### Thank you

Thank you to all our staff who continue to give their very best at a very strange time. When needed, lessons are prepared and delivered off site and members of the bubble support in school. Having at least four staff in every bubble means the children are getting the guidance and support they need to make the good progress that can already be seen.

From car-parking to thinking creatively with solutions to concerns, staff work tirelessly on a daily basis. When I hear about problems from other colleagues, I know we don't face so many of the problems because our staff think out of the box and find solutions so well. I am blessed to lead such a committed and capable team.

### **Remote Learning**

When a child is off awaiting Covid results or when a family or child is in quarantine, we have been given guidance that states the child should follow the same curriculum at home that their peers receive in school.

To avoid missing school, please help us by not booking holidays in term time, as it is now more probable that restrictions and quarantine will come into place and prevent school attendance for even longer. One week can become three overnight, and this is a significant period of time and missed learning. With changes to restrictions and more local lockdowns, this could begin to happen in the UK as well as abroad. Children missed so much time in school last year and now in school they are making great progress and we want this to continue.

We must stress though, if you are contacted by track and trace or if you have symptoms, guidance must be followed and this cannot be prevented. We want children to keep up and not lose the confidence they have been gaining rapidly in their learning. We will try our utmost to provide good learning for those at home as well, so over the past few weeks we have been experimenting and discussing what that could look like. This became statutory for all schools last Monday, so I am outlining what we are putting in place, so everyone knows the procedures, even if they do not have to use them.

We will continue to use google classroom and every child off-site who is fit enough will need to log in. If you do not have a laptop etc. we will have one in the office that can be collected or delivered if necessary.

Work will be set and there will be an explanation to go along with it. Teachers will often video explanations and upload class inputs when appropriate. Having a camera rolling is something we are all getting used to and the quality will probably improve over the months ahead. These inputs are for the use of the children only and not to be shared or used in any other way. Our staff realise how this contact with school staff is important and are prepared to do this and tweak until we get it right. It is possible a power point and other mymaths will be set to help the explanation. Work could be screen shot and uploaded so they can complete the same work. This means if a sequence of lessons is undertaken in school, children can complete from the point reached when they return to school. Work can be handed in on google classroom by taking pictures or uploading. As teachers are also teaching you may not get an immediate response, but feedback will be provided by the teacher. Use the message part for self-assessment and comments.

Any child off site needs to complete as many of the class activities as possible and we will put guidance for all subjects as well. It may be that some take place the day after the class complete.

### **Harvest**

We would like to support the local food banks at this difficult time. All classes will be preparing and celebrating a class harvest. A performance will be uploaded on google classroom for you to watch.

If you are in the position to be able to donate tins and packets, we will make sure they are given to those in need over the next few months. Send things in with your child in a bag and we will put it in quarantine. Harvest gifts can be taken from the carpark in the mornings.

### **Humanities and Citizenship Week**

During this week, the children will spend a day on map skills and learning about continents, countries, capitals etc.

Another day will focus on British History and chronology.

One day will be a language day.

This year we will also spend a day looking at Black history and Black Lives Matter, making sure all our children have a good understanding.

### Child health checks at school

These booklets will be coming home with Reception and Year 6 this week. Please return the completed front page to school.

If you are happy for your child to have the various health checks, don't tick the boxes. If we can have them back, we know that you've had the information and we won't chase for it.

These screenings are currently on hold, but are hoped to resume in the new year.

### Accelerated Reader

Well done to everyone who has quizzed so far, our whole school word count is: 20,570,720.

#### AR Class Word Count – year to date

Year 2	983,710
Year 3	1,259,137
Year 4	6,123,572
Year 5	4,831,072
Year 6	7,373,229

#### Top 5 Readers

Year 2	Shepherd
Year 3	Alice
Year 4	Ethan
Year 5	Sienna
Year 6	Jasper

#### Good Progress

Year 2	Max B
Year 3	Evie T
Year 4	Jacob
Year 5	Bea
Year 6	Joseph

#### 1/4 Million

Ellis, Joshua G, Joseph O

#### 1/2 Million

Bodhi, Ethan F, Kate B, Evie P, Jasper

#### 1 Million

Sienna

### Visits Resume

We are excited to be able to start taking children out again after half term. We are fortunate to be able to take them to local places that will be safe and are Covid risk assessed.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be going to Pentillie to extend outdoor learning opportunities. This is because of the kind invitation extended by the Coryton Family.

We hope to organise trips to Antony House and the beach in the near future.

Masks can be worn on the minibus, but children will travel in their bubble groups.

### Dates for your Diary

Thu 15 Oct	Cake Sale
Tue 20 Oct	Parents Eve (phone calls)
Wed 21 Oct	Parents Eve (phone calls)
26-30 Oct	Half Term
Mon 2 Nov	Inset Day
Wed 4 Nov	Yr 5: Pentillie visit
Tue 10 Nov	Yr 3: Pentillie visit
Wed 11 Nov	Yr 4: Pentillie visit
Fri 13 Nov	Individual School Photos
Mon 16 Nov	Yr 6: Pentillie visit
Thu 19 Nov	Cake Sale
Wed 18 Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisation
21 Dec – 1 Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 4 Jan	Inset Day
Thu 21 Jan	Cake Sale
15-19 Feb	Half Term
Thu 25 Feb	Cake Sale
Thu 18 Mar	Cake Sale
1-16 Apr	Easter Holidays
Mon 3 May	Bank Holiday
Thu 20 May	Cake Sale
31 May – 4 Jun	Half Term
Thu 17 Jun	Cake Sale
Fri 23 Jul	Inset Day
26 July	Summer Holidays