



## The Flying Bull Academy

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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term, I hope you all had an enjoyable break. This week there has been lots of talk of gunpowder, treason and plot around the school as children learn about the history of fireworks night.

### Parent Consultation

Our parent consultations are due to take place in the hall next week on Wednesday and Thursday from 3:15 to 5:45. If you have not yet made an appointment please phone the office to make an appointment by the end of the day on Monday. Please be aware you will not be able to come into the building ahead of your appointment time and you will be required to wear a face covering over your nose and mouth at all times. We may also switch to phone consultations at short notice – a text will be sent on the day.

### Scholastic Book Club

Your child will be bringing home a Scholastic Book leaflet this week. The school gets 20% from each book ordered to buy new books for the school. If you wish to place an order, please put the correct money and form in an envelope and give to the class teacher. If you are ordering as a Christmas present, mark your order 'Present' and Mrs Churchill will contact you when it comes in, otherwise your order will be handed to your child. Please send orders in by **Wednesday 17th November**. We are sorry but we cannot accept cheques or debit card payments.

### Harvest

Next week we will be collecting tins of **soup and fruit** for our harvest donation to the Portsmouth Foodbank. From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November please bring in any tins of soup or fruit that you can spare and place them on the tables out on the playground. Mrs Palamidis will lead a special Harvest assembly for the children on the Friday.

### Children In Need

Children in Need day is on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**. The children and staff are invited to wear non-school uniform with a spotty theme on this day in return for a suggested donation of £1. All money raised will be passed to this very worthwhile charity.

### INSET day

Our next INSET day will be on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021**. School will be closed to all pupils on this day.

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### Covid 19

I am pleased to say that although we still experiencing cases of Covid within our school community, they have lowered significantly following the half term break, and we have been able to allow the children to play with their year group friends at break times. If numbers rise again and we experience further outbreaks I will write directly to the classes concerned following guidance from public health.

From **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**, parents who wish to, can test their children twice a week using a **Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test** (Sunday evening and Wednesday evening would be ideal) and then keep their children at home and book a PCR test if they have a positive result. This is different to the previous advice and is **new guidance**. You can order the tests here [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

A reminder of our current procedures:

- Before school, check your child's temperature and for any signs of Covid symptoms including a cough, loss of smell or taste. If your child displays any symptoms, **stay home**, book a PCR **test** and let the **school office** know.
- If your child is not displaying symptoms, but has tested positive on a lateral flow device, **stay home**, book a PCR **test** and let the **school office** know.
- If your child displays any symptoms whilst at school we will ask you to collect your child and to follow the current advice from Public Health. Make sure we have up to date contact details.
- If your child is isolating at home with Covid-19 but is well enough to work, let the office know and school work will be available on Tapestry (nursery and reception) or Seesaw (year 1 – year 6).
- Although we are no longer insisting that face coverings are worn while you drop and collect your children, please continue to drop older children at the gate where possible to limit the number of adults coming onto the site. You may, of course, continue to wear face coverings.
- The one-way system at drop off and collection time will continue, keeping a steady flow across the playground. Please use the **entrance in Malins Road** and the **exit at Steerforth Close**.
- Continue with our staggered start and pick-up times.
- Continue to use the class email addresses if you need to contact your class teacher or a member of the year team.
- If you need to meet with a member of staff, you will need to make an appointment and will be asked to wear a face covering while in the building.



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- Holidays should not be taken in term time. If you and the family are travelling abroad, you must follow government testing and quarantine guidelines and let the school office know.
- Children will come to school wearing their PE kits on PE days.
- Children will continue with regular handwashing in school.

Have a good weekend, and enjoy the fireworks and stay safe.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me on [head@fbacademy.co.uk](mailto:head@fbacademy.co.uk)

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