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Dear Parents and Carers

Another couple of weeks have flown by here at school! On Monday 8th November we welcomed our Academy Improvement Partner, Mr Wealend, to the school to share our phonics and early reading and general love of books. He joined Miss Churchill's parent/carer phonics meeting, was impressed to see how quickly the children were picking up their phonics in KS1 and enjoyed hearing the buzz about books through KS2.

It was so lovely to open the school to our parent and carers for the consultation evenings – we know that for many of our KS1 families this was the first face to face consultation you have had and we hope you found it useful. However, if you did not get chance to meet with your teacher, please contact them via the year group email to make an appointment for a phone call.

There has also been lots to remember and celebrate this fortnight. Remembrance Day on 11th November saw the making and wearing of poppies, a special assembly and a two-minute silence to remember all those involved in war and conflict. Our Portsmouth Foodbank collection was collected on Monday. Respect week this week had the theme *One Kind Word* and Children in Need has so far raised a whopping £374.50! Thank you for all your donations and support.

Facebook, Twitter and School Website

Did you know you can get regular updates of our activities via Facebook, Twitter and through our website? Just search for *The Flying Bull Academy*, like and follow the page to receive up to date information about the school. You will also find celebration films on the news page on the website.

INSET day

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

Ventilation, CO2 monitors and cooler weather

We continue to keep our building well ventilated and have installed CO2 monitors in our battle against the transmission of Covid-19. However, this does mean that our classroom can be cooler than usual. Please make sure the children are coming to school with suitable layers, jumpers and coats for outside play as learning and concentration can be hard if the children are feeling cold.

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Covid 19

I am pleased to say that although we still experiencing cases of Covid within our school community, the numbers have remained low over the past two weeks. Thank you for all your support with this. If numbers rise again or we experience further outbreaks I will write directly to the classes concerned following guidance from public health.

However, a reminder that from **Monday 1st November**, parents who wish to, can test their primary aged 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)

Please remember...

- 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.

Christmas is coming...

I will write to you again with our plans for celebrating Christmas here in school. In the meantime, please make sure you have signed your child up for their Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 8th December**, and a reminder that school will **close at 1:15pm on Friday 17th December** and all children will need to walk home or be collected at this time.

Have a good weekend.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me on head@fbacademy.co.uk

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Acting Headteacher