

Oakthorpe News



Dear Parents,

As you know the decision was made to close the Year 6 bubble due to one positive case within school. I can report that the staff and pupils who had to isolate are all keeping well so far.

As soon as I have been notified of a positive case within school I will act swiftly by identifying close contacts and seeking advice regarding the action that must be taken.

A decision will be made and we will communicate this to everyone as soon as possible. This does not always mean that the whole class or bubble will be advised to isolate as the circumstances will differ in each case.

If a member of your household has tested positive the whole household must isolate and your child must not come to school. You only need to arrange a test for other members of your household if they begin to show symptoms. Please follow the advice given to you regarding the period of isolation. This means that anyone isolating must not leave the house.

Since the beginning of term, almost half of the 96 schools within Enfield have had Covid related incidents. I do not say this to alarm you but to keep you up to date with the local situation and the impact that Covid continues to have on us all in our daily lives.

It's book week this coming week so I encourage you to spend even more time than usual reading with your child and talk to them about the authors they are learning about in school.

Mrs Garrad

Attendance

Attendance for the whole school this term so far is 94%. Although this is less than the same period of time last year this is understandable given the circumstances. Absences due to self or family isolation are authorised. Please keep us up to date with any advice you have been given e.g. if a member of your household tests positive and the whole family have to isolate.

Book Week

Next week is book week!

We are celebrating Brilliant Black Authors. On Monday 19th October pupils may dress up as a character from their favourite book.

Virtual events will be held so pupils can experience the usual range of activities including quizzes, story telling and even the staff play!

Please visit our virtual bookshop. The school will receive 20p for every £1 spent on books.

Please visit :<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/digital-book-club> and choose from an extensive range of books.



School Street

A few of you have queried why cars still drive down Tile Kiln Lane during the restricted hours. The simple answer to this is that residents and a small number of parents have permits which exempts them from the restrictions. Any parent who has been issued a permit has provided evidence to Enfield Council. This may be due to certain medical conditions, disability and/or possession of a Blue Badge.



Year 6 Learning at Home

Year 6 have taken their learning on line using Google Classroom. They check in daily with their teacher and work through a daily timetable. The teacher is available both in the morning and afternoon to support learning and give feedback on work. We have been holding virtual assemblies and class meetings using Google Meet. We will welcome them back into school on Friday 23rd October.



Read of at some of their 100 word stories.....

Yesterday, I was devouring my breakfast. My cat (Meow) intertwined around my legs and purred. It was the happiest, sweetest purr ever. Meow tugged my trousers, he pulled me to the back of the garden. There was a crack in the fence. Meow squeezed through the crack. I stared at the crack. There was no way I could fit through the crack, but I tried any way. Finally, I managed to scramble through then, I realised that I had made the crack bigger. I turned my head away from the crack, there was the most beautiful place. It was freedom. *Leila*

Freedom! At last, I was free. My old slave master could not control me anymore. I bolted out of the place, before anyone else could hold me back. Where would I live? I had a whole new life ahead of me now. There was so much to do; maybe go and see London. That would be good. I let the fresh air hit me, and I suddenly saw the world in a whole new light. Man, being free was so, so good. I was out of the dilapidated old factory. "Where do you think you're going?" my old master boomed. *Max*

Reminders

Don't forget:

If your child has a packed lunch they should only bring crisps once a week on Friday

Don't forget:

School is closed on Monday 2nd Nov for staff INSET

Don't forget:

To make sure that your child can log onto Google Classroom at home

Don't forget:

The Secondary Transfer application deadline is 31st October.

Don't forget:

Return the Flu Immunisation letter to school ASAP

Don't forget:

School breaks up for half term on Friday 23rd October.

**Book Week begins on Monday 19th October —
Come dressed as a favourite book character!**