

Family Update

21st January 2022



Updates

Hello to all our families,

This has been an interesting week both in school and in developments in national Covid guidance. We had our residential Ofsted report through this week and are delighted to report that **Sleepover Club was judged to be Outstanding in all areas**. Click [here](#) to read the short report.

For now we will **continue to wear masks** in communal areas and for close personal care but will reduce their use in classrooms. **Positive cases of Covid will still be required to stay at home** and I will **continue to inform you** when positive cases are in school. Once the roll out of vaccinations for children is well established, we may begin to reduce these notices. **Contacts of positive cases will be asked to self-test daily if possible**, but will be able to return to school. The impact of Covid on staffing levels gives us continual challenge and it is sometimes necessary to join two smaller classes together in order for us to avoid closing departments altogether.

We had a whole school **staff training session** on Wednesday evening where staff learned how to better recognise and support mental health issues. This is a school focus this year as the issue is more prevalent than ever during these unusually challenging times for all. The children are still having a fabulous time in school though, as can be seen from the great photos below. All the very best for a fantastic weekend, Your Leadership Team

Photos from the Week



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Mental Health Awareness

This week, all staff attended one of many upcoming training sessions on our Whole School Approach to Mental Health. We also have some staff completing extra training in Emotion Coaching and are looking forward to sharing this whole school on our Inset day on Friday 4th February. We are extremely passionate with supporting our children and young people with their emotional health and can't wait to move forwards on our journey with this.



Arlo's Visit to Sleepover

Arlo has loved visiting pupils in Sleepover Club. He has been meeting them in the hall to help transition, staying for lots of fuss and of course treats. As you can see, pupils love him dropping in.



Key Dates

4th February—Inset Day—School closed to pupils

10th February—Governors Finance and Resources Committee 1pm and Teaching and Learning Committee 2pm

14th February—Mid-year reports sent live to parents

16th February—Parents evening

21st—25th February—Half-Term



Aiming High Sessions

Aiming High sessions are being offered to children on the SEND register every Saturday at a site at Church Leigh and a site at Burton-on-Trent. There are also additional sessions during school holidays at the Leigh site. Children and families are able to join in and take part in an abundance of activities including animal husbandry, forest school, games, drama, arts and crafts to name a few. Children can attend both with their family or independently where appropriate. For more information, please contact: zoe@sherrattswood.com.