



NEWSLETTER

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National Restrictions from 5th November 2020

As you will all be aware the Government has announced new restrictions in response to the increase in the number of COVID 19 cases which are rising rapidly across the whole of the UK and in other countries. Through the reduction of day to day contact with other people the Government hopes that the risk of infection will be reduced. The new measures will apply nationally for four weeks up to Wednesday 2 December. At the end of the period, we will return to a regional approach, based on the latest data.

Whilst we know that the priority for the Government is that schools remain open, we are awaiting further guidance on what this will mean for educational settings. We know that this guidance will provide specific information and will cover the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children, young people and staff, advice on the use of face coverings in education settings and educational trips. As soon as I receive more information I will let you know.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#education-school-college-and-university>

Face Masks

Once again, can I thank parents for their support of this latest precautionary measure we have put in place. Parents/carers are asked to wear face masks on the playground when dropping children off and picking them up from school.

To avoid congestion on the playground, can I also remind parents of the importance of adhering to the staggered start and finish times and also that only one parent/carer should come onto the playground at the beginning and end of the school day. This has worked particularly well to date and I thank you.



Star of the Week

Friday 16th October 2020

Well done to the following children:

Reception – N/A

Year 1 – Frankie Parkinson

Year 2 – Joe Booth

Year 3 – Ruby Rose

Year 4 – Whole Class

Year 5 – Charlie Nixon

Year 6 – Erin Fisher



Reception Remote Open Evening

Thursday 12th November 2020 at 6 pm

We will be sending invites via email to a remote open evening via zoom for those parents that are interested in sending their child to XII Apostles in September 2021. If your child was born between the 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 they will be due to start school in September 2021. If you know anyone who is interested in sending their child to XII Apostles, can you ask them to contact school with their details, including email address so that we can ensure that you receive all relevant communication. The online application service and details of how to apply for a place are now available on the Wigan Council website.

Toast and Milk Money Final Reminder

Thank you to all those that have sent this in. As the toast and milk is now to order, this needs to be paid in advance. If you wish for your child to have toast and milk, please send the money in by tomorrow, Friday 6th November in an envelope clearly marked with their name and class.

£3 for toast

£9 for toast and milk for the half term.

If your child's year group bubble has isolated last half term for 14 days, then please send in a reduced amount - £2 for toast or £6 for toast and milk.

Bike Rack

Thank you to all those parents of our year 6 children that left us in July for the donation to purchase a bike rack. This finally arrived in the school holidays and was installed on the junior playground. Those children that come to school on their bike can now lock it up safely on the new rack rather than using the fence.

This gesture was greatly appreciated.

Many thanks.



Flu Vaccinations

A reminder has been sent out to parents/carers via parentmail to request a vaccination for your child/ren. Please note that you will need to access the link provided in the email to decline or consent to your child/ren having a nasal flu vaccination in school. This link closes on the 5th November. The nurse will be visiting school on Thursday 12th November to carry out vaccinations for those that have requested this for their child.

Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 16th November

During this week we will be shining a light on bullying and sending a clear message that it is neither acceptable nor inevitable in a school community. This year the theme for Anti-Bullying Week is United Against Bullying. Each class teacher will be delivering lessons on this throughout the week to develop children's social, emotional and behavioural skills and it will form the theme for our assemblies during the week.

ODD SOCK DAY - Monday 16th November

Children can wear odd socks on the first day of this week and donate £1.00. Please can you put this in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and class and hand it into your class teacher on the day.

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

Please note we still provide free fruit in the afternoon and a bagel before school.

Thank you.

Parents' Evening

The teachers in Reception and years 3, 4 and 5 will be conducting parent consultations by phone over the next 2 weeks. We had positive feedback from parents who had these calls prior to the half term break. Again we are all getting use to new ways of working and we hope that the consultations give you a good insight into how well your child has settled into a new year group.

Please be mindful these will not exceed 5 minutes so that the teachers have time to talk to all parents and will be between 3.30 pm and 6.15 pm.

Reception - Monday 9th November and Tuesday 10th November

Year 3 - Monday 9th November and Tuesday 10th November

Year 4 – Thursday 12th November and Thursday 19th November

Year 5 – Monday 16th November and Tuesday 17th November



Miss Grundy has emailed your allocated date and time slot via ParentMail at the beginning of this week. Please note it will not be a precise time, it will be within a 30-minute window. Please can all parents ensure they have downloaded the **ParentMail app**, if you have not already done so. Also, when the teacher rings, please be aware it may show a withheld telephone number and not the usual XII Apostles contact number.

After School Sports Clubs

Mr Moore will be continuing to deliver the after school clubs unless we receive further Government Guidance to the contrary.

The clubs have resumed on Monday 2nd November. All children attending are to come to school in their PE kits and trainers. Please be mindful that some clubs may take place outside weather permitting.

Monday

Year 3

Badminton

3.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Tuesday

Year 2

Multi Skills

3.15 pm – 4.15 pm



For more information, please visit the anti-bullying website.

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

Year 4 Parental Workshop

Miss Phoenix has posted a parents/carers information session on class dojos. This has a wealth of information on how to support your child at home in their Education. If you have not already done so, please take time to watch this.

Wednesday

Year 4

Netball/Basketball
3.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Thursday

Year 6

Bench Ball
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Friday

Year 5

Football
3.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Year 3 Remembrance Assembly

Year 3 have been working hard on preparing a virtual assembly for remembrance day and this will be posted on class dojos tomorrow, **Friday 6th November**.

Well done year 3!



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