

Brough Primary

School

Newsletter

February 2022

We do hope that you are all well and that you and your loved ones are staying safe.

You will all be aware that we have had a number of cases of Covid-19 in the school community, pupils and staff, which have led to some classes operating as 'bubbles' for a short time and some changes to staffing within classes.

I would like to thank you all for your understanding and support with this. We have been working alongside the Local Authority and Public Health to do what we can to limit the spread of known cases in the school, meaning that some classes have not been able to spend time with other classes at break times. The children have been wonderful and so understanding of the reasons behind these changes and we are hopeful that all classes will be back to 'normal' as soon as possible.

I would also like to say an enormous thank you to all of our staff. They have been so flexible, often at very short notice. We really couldn't run the school without their support, dedication and care.

We will continue to notify you of positive cases in the school which could affect your child/children and will ensure that we are following all national and local guidance.

Children's Mental Health Week

This is something that we focus on in school every year, but is even more pertinent this year as we see the impact of the pandemic on children's wellbeing.

On Friday 11th February we are having a non-uniform day with the theme of 'Dress to Express Yourself' where the children can do just that, dress to express who they are for a £1 fee.

Comic Relief

We will be fundraising for Comic Relief by holding a second non-uniform day, but this time with a 'Superhero' theme. This will take place on Friday 18th March when the children can come dressed as a Superhero for a £1 fee. All money will be sent to Comic Relief to support their national appeal.

World Book Day

This is taking place across the country on Thursday 3rd March. We are just working on our final plans for this and will be in touch over the coming week with further details.

School Library

As I said in the last newsletter, we are having our library area redeveloped over the Easter break. We are very excited about how the library will be redeveloped and how the children will be able to use this resource in the future.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening appointments will once again be via School Cloud. These will be held over the two weeks of 7th-11th and 14th-18th March. Letters with booking information will be coming out to parents next week.

Parent Questionnaire

You may recall that I mentioned a questionnaire for parents regarding our move this year to mixed aged classes. This has been delayed for a number of reasons but will be sent via Parentmail straight after half term. This will be sent via Google forms.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We will be advertising for a Parent Governor over the coming weeks. The role of a governor is a voluntary one which requires attendance at meetings each term as well as visits into school to meet with staff to discuss school improvement priorities. The governing body work closely with school leaders to develop the school and secure improvement.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role then please do get in touch and watch out for the letter over the coming weeks.

February Half Term

Just a reminder that we break up for the February Half Term break on Thursday 17th February.

Covid-19

As you will know, we are continually monitoring the situation with Covid-19 in our school and locally/nationally. As you will also know, we are sending letters to parents/carers if there is a confirmed case in their child's group/class. This is in the interests of transparency.

Alongside this we have in-school measures which are put into place based on cases in the school. There are a number of measures that we can take to reduce any potential spread in school and our procedures are reviewed regularly. Through discussions in school and with the LA, decisions will be made about any 'stepping up' of in-school procedures.

The situation with testing has changed over the past weeks with the following being the current guidance.

- Anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 should arrange to have a PCR test and should isolate whilst awaiting the result.
- LFT tests should be used for asymptomatic testing.
- From 11th January, if you receive a positive result on an LFT test you do not need a confirmatory PCR test. Instead you should self-isolate for 10 days (self-isolation can be ended after 6 days with negative LFT tests taken 24hrs apart on day 5 and day 6).

Just a reminder that if your child has any of the three main Covid-19 symptoms, they should not attend school and should have a PCR test.

The three main symptoms, as indicated by the NHS are:

- ***a high temperature*** – *this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*
- ***a new, continuous cough*** – *this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*
- ***a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste*** – *this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal*

What will happen if my child presents with symptoms while at school and/or tests positive for Covid-19?

If your child presents with any of the above symptoms they will be removed from the classroom and moved to our designated area with an adult – this will be someone known to them. You will be contacted and asked to come and collect them and to arrange for them to have a PCR test. They should isolate until the result is obtained.

Close contacts do not need to self-isolate after contact with someone who has tested positive if any of the following criteria apply:

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

To support us, we ask that parents keep us fully informed of any symptoms or positive tests. Recently guidance has changed to suggest that primary aged pupils can be tested using an LFT test under parental supervision. Any positive LFT or PCR test result should be reported to the school.

We also ask that if your child has taken a test (either LFT or PCR) and their result is negative that you let us know that as well. This just allows us to keep a close track on cases.

Please report these via telephone (between 8:30am and 4:30pm) or via email if outside of these hours.

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If your child has any symptoms of Covid-19, please do not send them to school. Instead please arrange a PCR test and isolate until a result is known.

If your child has tested positive, they should isolate for 10 days. This can be reduced if they obtain a negative test result on an LFT test on day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. These should be taken 24hrs apart and should both be negative. If this is the case, please make sure that you pass this information on to the office staff or in any email sent. This ensures that we know when children are able to return to school.

Thank you for your continued support, please do get in touch if you have any questions or would like to raise anything with us.

H Shepherdson

Headteacher

May	Throughout May: KS1 assessments w/c 9 th : KS2 SATs testing 27 th : Break up for half term
June	Monday 6 th : Back to school 6 th - 10 th : Y1 Phonics Screening Check 6 th – 24 th : Y4 multiplication tables check (to be taken within the three weeks) Friday 17 th – Sunday 19 th : Y6 residential visit to High Adventure
July	w/c 4 th : Reports out to parents Friday 22 nd : Break up for the Summer

February	Friday 11 th : 'Dress to Express Yourself' non-uniform day (£1 fee) Thursday 17 th : Break up for half term Monday 28 th : Back to school
March	Thursday 3 rd : World Book Day w/c 7 th : Parents' Evenings w/c 14 th : Parents' Evenings Friday 18 th : Comic Relief – dress up as a 'Superhero' (£1 fee)
April	Thursday 7 th : Break up for Easter Monday 25 th : Back to school Tuesday 26 th – Friday 29 th : Y5 residential visit to Cloughton