

Brough Primary

School

Newsletter

January 2022

Welcome to our January newsletter.

We hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and managed to spend time with family and friends.

The return to school has brought with it a number of changes in terms of Covid-19 and required isolation periods, but the day-to-day operation of the school remains the same.

We are very proud of all the children in our school for so many reasons. This week it has been wonderful seeing them all come back after the holidays with renewed enthusiasm for their schooling. They are so pleased to be back with their friends and their classmates and their positive and enthusiastic outlook on life is wonderful to see.

As you would expect, we keep a very close eye on the rate of Covid-19 infections nationally and in this area and are in constant contact with the local authority and public health. Although there were changes for secondary schools, the situation in primary schools has more or less remained unchanged. Staff are wearing face coverings in communal areas and we are maintaining ventilation in classrooms, frequent handwashing/sanitising and cleaning.

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.

A big well done

An enormous well done to all of the children who took part in a Christmas production. I am sure that those of you who attended will agree that they were absolutely brilliant. I am so pleased that we were able to put these productions on as the children get so

much from performing and we know how important they are to families.

Thank you for your support with the measures we put into place to reduce Covid transmission risks – we very much appreciate the help you gave us.

Children in Need

Thank you for your support for Children in Need. We sold a huge amount of Children in Need merchandise and raised even more money by having a non-uniform day.

The grand total, which has been sent to Children in Need, is £614.25.

Eco-Club

Thank you for your support for Eco-Club with their recent 'wear green' and bun sale. They raised £331.75 which will go towards more resources for the wildlife area.

Rudolph Run for Dove House Hospice

This was a huge success and the children had such a great time completing their sponsored run. Due to your enormous generosity, we have raised £2875.35 for Dove House which is absolutely brilliant.

An enormous thank you to all those who sponsored the children, we are delighted to be able to hand over such a huge amount of money to an incredibly worthy cause.

Parents' Forum

Our next meeting will be held in January – date to be confirmed.

School Library

One of our focus areas in the Spring term is the development of our entrance area / library area. We are currently working on plans to develop this area, creating a super library for the children to use. If any parents/carers are interested in supporting us with

this development, either by contributing to ideas or by helping to re-organise books, please do get in touch with us.

Parents' Evenings

It is highly likely that these will be carried out remotely again, although we are keeping this under review. If they are remote meetings, they will take the same format as the last meetings, using School Cloud. Further information will be shared with parents closer to the time.

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 7 days with negative LFT tests taken 24hrs apart on day 6 and day 7).

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 LFD test under parental supervision. Any positive LFD or PCR test result should be reported to the school.

We also ask that if your child has taken a test (either LFD 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.
brough.primary@eastriding.gov.uk or
hshepherdson@broughprimaryschool.co.uk

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 6 and day 7 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

Dates for your diary

January	<p>Wednesday 5th: Children return to school</p> <p>Wednesday 5th: Y4 pedestrian training</p> <p>Tuesday 11th: FOBS meeting 6:30pm at school</p> <p>Thursday 13th: Lab Rascals (Y5/6)</p>
February	<p>Monday 7th: Y2 scooter training</p> <p>Monday 7th: BAE roadshow (Y3-6)</p> <p>Thursday 17th: Break up for half term</p> <p>Monday 28th: Back to school</p>
March	<p>w/c 7th: Parents' Evenings</p> <p>w/c 14th: Parents' Evenings</p>
April	<p>Thursday 7th: Break up for Easter</p> <p>Monday 25th: Back to school</p> <p>Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th: Y5 residential visit to Cloughton</p>
May	<p>Throughout May: KS1 assessments</p> <p>w/c 9th: KS2 SATs testing</p> <p>27th: Break up for half term</p>
June	<p>Monday 6th: Back to school</p> <p>6th- 10th: Y1 Phonics Screening Check</p> <p>6th – 24th: Y4 multiplication tables check (to be taken within the three weeks)</p> <p>Friday 17th – Sunday 19th: Y6 residential visit to High Adventure</p>
July	<p>w/c 4th: Reports out to parents</p> <p>Friday 22nd: Break up for the Summer</p>