

Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Half Term Update

This has been a lovely week in school with author visits and World Book Day. The children have looked amazing and enjoyed all the book related learning and activities. Class 3 really enjoyed playing space invaders on Wednesday although they couldn't believe how amateurish the video games used to be and how long they took to load!! It took me right back! Thankyou for supporting with such lovely costumes and creative ideas.

There will be a few changes to staff as we go through the term which I need to let you know about. After a long time in Cheswardine Mrs Whitehouse will be leaving us next week. I know you will join with us in wishing her all the best for the future and I do hope she won't be a stranger and still visit us from time to time. Mrs Whitehouse has worked tirelessly for Cheswardine pupils and the school over the years and she will be missed by everyone. Thankyou for all you have given to the school.

Mrs Hodson-Ford has also been offered a job closer to home. She hasn't been with us long but has been travelling quite a distance to join us each day and it is understandable that an offer of a job closer to home was an attractive proposal. She has been a lovely member of the team and will be missed, good luck for the future from us all.

Every teacher has given each of you an interim report on your child this week. This should give you guidance on how your child is doing and links to websites with ideas for supporting your child, please make good use of the guidance when you can.

Happily we seem to be on the way out of COVID restrictions and this should lead to a more settled year ahead. We do have one positive staff case today however so please be on the lookout for any symptoms that may lead you to suspect that your child has contracted COVID. As we now know this can happen more than once everyone is still advised to take care and stay off if displaying symptoms in order to reduce the spread of infections. Regular testing is not now a requirement although if anyone tests positive following symptoms or as a result of a LFD test they are advised to stay away from the setting for five days and only return within 10 days if they have two consecutive daily negative LFD tests. As a school we are still required to report positive cases to Public Health so please advise the school if your child tests positive at any point.

Current advice therefore is:

If your child displays symptoms you are advised to book a PCR test. Only if a negative PCR result is obtained should the child come into school. If positive they must stay away from school but can follow the above advice with LFDs on day 5 and 6 allowing them to return to school if negative. **Do not send your child into school if they display any symptoms of COVID19. If they test positive on a Lateral Flow device they are also advised to stay off school for the same time period. Please avoid sending your child in if poorly, whether they are symptomatic or not.**



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Symptoms :

Anyone with the 3 main symptoms are recommended to get a PCR test and **only return to school after a negative result**. They should also consider contacting 111 for medical advice if required because these symptoms are not unique to COVID-19.

The 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of taste / smell

We will not return to earlier restrictions unless advised by Public Health Shropshire in the event of a COVID outbreak at our school. If this happens then the Contingency Plan will be put in place.

Yours sincerely,

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Rachael Williams (Executive Headteacher)



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