



## Newsletter Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week's newsletter will be a short one to welcome in the new year and to welcome you all back to school. We hope that you all had a good festive season with family and friends – it has been great to see the children, including our new starters in nursery who have already made a great start.

### Covid update

Cases are rising locally and it seems that the general feeling is not 'if' but rather 'when'... The guidance changes in response to a number of variables and we are all doing our best to keep up with it. We are maintaining class bubbles, avoiding whole school face to face assemblies and also have lots of the rather bracing Yorkshire air flowing through school!

Currently, children only need to isolate if they have a positive test result but parents and carers are advised to test children if they live with someone who has tested positive. We understand that some families can be anxious so please contact your child's class teacher or the school office if you have any queries.

We are also attaching our remote education policy so that you know what to expect from school.

### Be proud of your mouth!



In September, we included a short reminder about the greater focus on oral hygiene across all schools, and we encouraged children to only bring water to school. We are really pleased with the children's attitude to this, particularly with our youngest children. Sugary snacks are not appropriate in school so, if your child has one at breaktime, it should be a piece fruit if possible. Thank you so much for your support.

### Lunchtime

#### School lunches

Our school lunches are prepared following very clear guidelines about salt and sugar. This is just a reminder that they are **FREE** to all children in KS1 so please have a look at the menu and encourage your child to try them, if they don't already do so. The menu will be sent to you today.

### OPAL

We **always** need items for playtime, particularly lunchtime.



If you have anything you think would be useful, then please send it into school. Plastic crates and guttering are particularly welcome!

We are really keen to add to our team of midday supervisors who support this type of play so please contact the school if you are able to even offer one or two slots.

Please ensure that your children have suitable clothing as we aim to have them outside for break times as much as possible.

**Attendance**

Please inform the office as soon as possible with a reason for your child's absence. This can be left on the answerphone. Thank you.

**The Great Winter get Together**



It is the Great Winter Get Together from January 17<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January. The focus this year is loneliness:

‘Throughout the pandemic, we have all become more aware of loneliness and the importance of feeling connected with others. But while we all experience loneliness at some points, we don’t all feel comfortable talking about it - and that needs to change.’

We will provide more detail regarding this next week.

We hope that you all have a warm and safe weekend.