

## **Newsletter 11 – Wednesday 5 January 2022**

### **Welcome Back**

Firstly, we would like to welcome all of our community back to school this term and wish you all a very Happy New Year – and a healthy one, too! It was lovely to see all of the smiles around school today. Please remember that attendance at school is still mandatory.

Last term, our staff showed incredible teamwork to make sure that, despite a number of covid related staff absences, all classes remained open. In addition, despite some understandable changes in organisation for Christmas, staff and pupils produced some excellent performances, which we hope you fully appreciated over the break. A big thank you to Friends of North Heath for their filming skills and commitment which allowed this opportunity for all. As of this afternoon, the number of views were as follows:

YR 282

Y1/2 424

Y3/4 345

Y5/6 304

We now look forward to delivering our exciting Spring Term curriculum and offering additional clubs once more. A letter will follow regarding choices later this week. We welcome back Kicks Dance, who will be teaching YR and Y3 this half term, the Y4 clarinets are on the way and Y5 are booked in for Netball competitions! Plans are also under way for the Horsham Music Festival and our very own QE II Platinum Jubilee 'Street Party' in the Summer Term.

### **Assemblies**

We are delighted to welcome Y1 and Y3 parent/s/carer/s in for assemblies on Thursday mornings this term. Please note the change of date for Oak and Willow:

27.1.22	Y1 Oak
3.2.22	Y3 Hazel
10.2.22	Y1 Chestnut
17.2.22	Y3 Willow

### **Risk Assessment**

As a reminder, our Covid – 19 risk assessment is added and you will note that this term, some additions have been made:

- 17 air filters have been purchased and are installed in all classrooms, the hall and staff room. Emphasis is still on fresh air.
- Pupils organised for play, lunch, clubs and assemblies into 4 groups – YR, Y1/2, Y3/4, Y5/6 to minimise mixing
- Lateral Flow Test results to be requested where classes may need to isolate in a single bubble following an outbreak
- Individual class assemblies to go ahead this term
- Internal organisation will ensure curriculum coverage in time and content is not diminished
- New batch of Lateral Flow Tests to be ordered well ahead of need for staff due to potential shortage

- Future deployment of pregnant staff member has been agreed following new advice
- Remind all parents of mandatory attendance and RA updates
- Co2 monitors have been installed in every class
- All staff will wear face masks when moving through building/meetings/discussions
- Volunteers (masked) are still able to help us add to provision
- Number of pupils in the hall for lunch to be minimised (YR – 3) with fogging in between sittings

### Prefects

Congratulations to the following pupils, who will be our Spring Term prefects:

#### MULBERRY

Blake Cooper  
 Joe Crocker  
 Toby Davis  
 Weronika Domanska  
 Ben Draisey  
 Monty Forrest  
 Matthew Jones  
 Katy Little  
 Holly Merritt  
 Lyllah O'Neill  
 Riley Plant

#### WHITEBEAM

CJ Gould  
 Madisen Haylett  
 Brooke Hollands  
 Joseph Hollingworth  
 Taj Hyder  
 Isabelle Latter  
 Kieyra Martill  
 David Mazur  
 Katie Meleshykhina  
 Lara Moody

This privilege allows you the opportunity to set the highest example for others – good luck to all! Your badges will be presented soon.

### Term Dates

<b>January</b>	
20	Y5 Netball Competition
<b>February</b>	
3	Y5 Netball Competition
21 – 25	Half Term
<b>March</b>	
29	<b>Parents' Evening 1 (3.30 – 6.00 PM)</b>
31	<b>Parents' Evening 2 (4.00 – 7.00 PM)</b>
<b>April</b>	
8	End of Term
11 - 22	Easter Holiday
25	Staff and Pupils return for Summer Term
<b>May</b>	
23	Horsham Music Festival – The Hawth
27	QE II Platinum Jubilee 'Street Party'
30/5 – 3/6	Half Term
<b>June</b>	
6	Inset Day

With so much to look forward to, I am sure that you will join us in wishing everyone the best of health so that we can go ahead as planned. Please remember extra layers and a coat as ventilation with doors and windows open remains essential.

Kind regards

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