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Dear Parents

### **Covid-19 Update**

Thank you to everyone for your co-operation with our Covid safe procedures.

As infection rates continue to rise across the county, the Director of Public Health and the Director of Children and Family Services request that **face coverings are worn by parents and carers at school pick up and drop off** in Leicestershire.

*“Cases are rising nationally, but there are particular areas of concern in the county, and public health officials are advising residents to be vigilant in all day to day activities. It has been difficult for some parents to maintain social distancing at school gates, and this further measure will help prevent the spread of coronavirus. The advice remains the same: keeping your distance, getting a test only if you have Covid symptoms, washing your hands and wearing a face covering where required. Parents and carers are asked to do everything they can to protect their families and friends.”*

If your child is not well enough to be at school, then they need to stay at home and if they have Covid symptoms then your household needs to isolate and get a test. I have put on our website a useful ‘What if ...’ guide: <http://www.foxton.leics.sch.uk/perch/resources/Covid19AbsenceGuide.pdf>. Another helpful resource is our Guidance on Infection Control in Schools it reiterates that after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea there needs to be 48 hours before returning to school. It gives the recommended time to be off school for other illnesses too: [http://www.foxton.leics.sch.uk/perch/resources/Guidance\\_on\\_infection\\_control\\_in\\_schools.pdf](http://www.foxton.leics.sch.uk/perch/resources/Guidance_on_infection_control_in_schools.pdf).

### **Parents Evening**

We scheduled Parents Evening for next week, however, we have decided that due to the increase risk of face to face meetings the usual format will not take place. Instead we will send out our updated target sheets and, if you wish, we can arrange telephone calls or video calls to discuss your child further.

### **New School Dinner Menu**

Starting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September there will be a new School Dinner Menu, here’s the link to it: <http://www.foxton.leics.sch.uk/perch/resources/menu.pdf>.

### **Menu Change**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October the menu will be Sausages or Pizza with Chips or ½ a Jacket Potato and Peas, Beans or Mixed Salad and for pudding Ice Cream or Fresh Fruit Platter.

### **Homework**

**Fox Cubs** – Every night the children are expected to read, to be read to and do other activities such as work from their phonics book to support their learning needs.

**Year 1 & 2** – A minimum of 10 minutes reading per night. Spellings to learn will be sent out on a Friday and an informal assessment will take place every so often. Learning Log activities to be completed every week given out on a Friday to be returned on the following Wednesday.

**Year 3 & 4** – A piece of Maths homework (MyMaths) will be set on alternate Fridays and is to be completed by the following Wednesday. A piece of English work will be sent on alternate Mondays for completion by the following Wednesday. Topic homework to be returned on Wednesdays from the list of tasks. Reading books to be read every night. Spellings to learn are on Purple Mash.

**Year 5 & 6** – A MyMaths activity and an English task will be set on Fridays to be returned by the following Wednesday. Spellings to learn are on Purple Mash. A topic related project will be set for completion during half term holidays.

### **Open Morning**

To publicise the work of our school, we are having an ‘Open Morning’ on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October for prospective parents. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let them know the details.

### **Applications for Fox Cubs 2021**

If your child is due to start school for the Autumn Term 2021, i.e. they were born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, then applications are now being taken by Leicestershire County Council. The easiest way is to use the online form at the following website: <http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions/primary-school-places>. Applications close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### **Music Lessons**

Years 3 and 4's ukulele lessons are now well underway on Monday mornings. Unfortunately, we are not able to allow the children to take the instruments home at the moment.

### **Annual Calendar of Events**

We have not sent home our 'Yellow Calendar' as, even though we have set dates, so many events cannot take place at the moment. We will keep you informed of any events as they arise.

### **After School Care**

Mrs Silber is looking after the children on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays and Adam on Thursdays and Fridays. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen Warwick for all the work and care of the children during her time in After School Care.

### **Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator**

Mr Fletcher remains our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and works in school on Mondays. If you need to see him, please make an appointment.

### **Dojo Points**

The children receive Dojo Points as positive feedback for their work and behaviour. Dojo Points will not be taken away. There is a secure website which records the number of points each child has earned and a class total. Different targets operate in each class but once a class has reached their target the class receives Golden Time as soon as possible after the target is reached. Golden Time lasts for 20 minutes and the children can choose what they do. As individuals the children will receive certificates for multiples of 50 Dojo Points earned and these will be presented in Achievement Assemblies.

### **Congratulations!**

Ruari and Olivia E are Head Boy and Head Girl for the Autumn Term.

Jack, Toby, Olivia W and Isla have been elected Team Leaders by the children in their teams

### **Monthly Achievement Cups – Rising to the Challenge**

This month awarded to: Fox Cubs – Lauren, Cian, Freddie, Martin, Theo, Ethan, Willow, Ava, Ralph and Taggie for how well they've all started school. Year 1 – Elsie for great effort in all she does. Year 2 – Elizabeth for effort with her writing. Year 3 Joseph for challenging himself. Year 4 – Emily S for rising to the challenge. Year 5 – Milo for settling well into Class 3. Year 6 – Mary for rising to the challenge of Year 6.

### **Team Point Challenge**

This month joint winners are the Leopards Team and Jaguars Team, congratulations to them.

### **Adam's Football**

The first series of sessions have started well. After half term, the days will swap to allow those children who could not attend due to previous commitments with Year 3 & 4 on Tuesdays and Year 1 & 2 on Wednesdays.

### **Governors**

At our first full Governing Body meeting this term Mark Neale was re-elected as Chair and Victoria Davinson as Vice Chair. There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor, details of how to apply for this role will be sent home soon.

### **Fund Raising**

Do you shop online? This is an easy way to raise money for the school, just register at this website: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=226081>. Use easyfundraising to shop with over 3,600 retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S. Every time you shop, you'll raise a free donation for Foxton Primary School, it's that easy! Please help support Foxton Primary School by shopping online.

Yours sincerely

P Clark