



# BHPS Newsletter No.13 2021~2022

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*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*We hope you had a lovely half term holiday. We hope you find the following update from BHPS helpful.*

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## Covid19 Update

At the time of writing, we currently have just 2 cases of Covid-19 in school (1 child and 1 member of staff).

Parents and Carers will be aware that there has been a change to the national restrictions and we are still trying to apply these in a practical way to school settings. At present, we still advise parents to keep children off from school if they have any of the three main COVID symptoms (high temperature, persistent cough, change or loss in sense of smell/taste) and get them tested. We will also continue to send children home if they display these. Parents and carers are still advised to isolate children with Covid19 for a minimum of 5 days. After this, children can return to school if they have consecutive negative test results (a day apart) and no longer have a temperature. Children can return after 10 days even without a negative test.

All requirements for school staff to take part in twice weekly testing have ended. There is also no mention of bubbling in the revised guidance although, obviously, we would take further advice from Public Health England should we have a significant outbreak.

We are hoping for further guidance and information for schools over the next few days and we will keep you informed of any changes.

## World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

As World Book Day is around the corner, we are excited to share our theme for this year in celebration of a British literary icon: Harry Potter! Each year group shall be completing activities linked to a theme from each book and our very own "sorting hat" ceremony in assembly. Some examples include creating instructions on the care of magic creatures; developing new treats for Honey Dukes Sweetshop and creating a new magical school to compete in the Triwizard tournament. As stated on previous newsletters, costumes are optional, and we are still encouraging the children to come to school in a character that they love to celebrate reading; it doesn't have to be Harry Potter themed. If your child wishes to embrace a simplistic interpretation of dressing up for World Book Day, we are inviting the children to come to school dressed in 1 of the 4 colours of the Hogwarts' houses:

Gryffindor = red

Ravenclaw = blue

Hufflepuff = yellow

Slytherin = green

World Book Day vouchers shall be shared on the day and we shall have our Scholastic book fayre in school from 3rd to 8th March but please note that it won't be possible to buy books from 9th.



## 1C

We are sorry to have to report that Miss Clarke is unwell and will be absent from school for the next three weeks. In her absence, Miss Hobson will be taking the class every day in order to provide as much continuity for the children as possible. We will, unfortunately, have to delay 1C's parents' evening appointments but these will be organised as soon as possible. Please contact Mr Taylor should you require any further information.

## Parents' Evening

Parents' evening appointments (except for 1C) are due to take place in week beginning Monday 7th March. We find ourselves in the position where there is an obvious lifting of many Covid19 restrictions. We have really missed having parents in school for these meetings over the last two years but have also been interested to hear from many of you regarding how you have preferred the remote meetings.

This term, we are therefore going to experiment with a 'hybrid' version of Parents' Evening. Your child's teacher will be sending out a MS Forms link for you to book your parents' evening appointment. You will have the choice of an 'in person' or remote appointment. It is essential that both parents and teachers are on time for their appointments. After the week, we will review how effective this has been and then consider whether it is an approach we can adopt in the future.

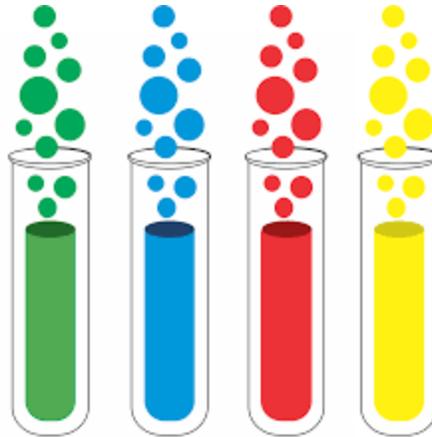
## Science Week

Week beginning Monday 14th March is the School's Science Week and we will be marking the occasion with a variety of activities. We would still love to hear from any parents who are able to volunteer and visit school to tell children about their jobs, scientific knowledge or favourite science experiments.

Please email the school office and mark your email *For the Attention of Mr Fairbrother* if you are able to contribute to science week in any way.

During the week, all the classes will be taking part in an activity that develops a food product. We would like to invite parents into school at 3:15 on Friday 18th to view a selection of these and maybe vote on their favourite one. These will be displayed in the hall and we will organise a one-way system for parents to come in and out of the building.

(NB although we will be selling red noses, we won't be celebrating red nose day on 18th)



## Year 2 - The Great Fire of London

This half term, the Year 2 children have been learning about the Great Fire of London. To round off our topic, we built a model of Pudding Lane and watched (from a very safe distance after a fire safety discussion) how quickly fire can spread when houses are so close together and made of flammable materials. Inside the houses were bricks, and these were left standing. This reinforced to the children why bricks were used in the rebuilding of London. A fantastic end to a great topic!



## School Uniform and Healthy Snacks

We have noticed that, following the pandemic, some children are not following the school dress code as closely as they used to. May we remind you that, on the days when children don't have PE, children should be wearing the proper school uniform and school shoes. Trainers, even black trainers, should not be worn. When children have PE, their kit should not have any sporting logos on them. A plain white T shirt and blue/black shorts/skirt should be worn. A track suit is acceptable if the weather is cold.

We are also concerned about the number of children bringing crisps or chocolate bars for their mid-morning snack. This is not allowed and children should bring a healthy, nut free snack for morning break time. Children in Foundation and Key Stage 1 are already provided with a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables.

## Support for Good Mental Health

We are working in partnership with the NHS Mental Health Support Team and see this as a useful resource to provide support for some children and families. Referrals can be made through school or via self-referral which is explained in their letter to parents, copied for you below.

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to take the opportunity to introduce ourselves and explain the mental health services we offer through your child's school. We are the school's Mental Health Support Team (MHST) and can offer mental health support through CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) based work with children and young people. This work can be done individually or in groups. We also work with school staff and parents to support their children and students.

If your child has been experiencing low mood, anxiety or has a significant concern about their mental health, they can access our service through self-referral or by talking with your school's mental health lead to support them with this.

You can also support your child to self-refer from home using the following web address: [www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/camhs-self-referral](http://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/camhs-self-referral) or by calling our Single Point of Access (SPA) on: 0115 854 2299.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.



## Dog Fouling

We have received a small number of complaints about dogs fouling the pavement on Moor Lane and around the entrance to school. Unfortunately, children will sometimes tread in this mess and then bring it into school with them. Obviously, we are not certain which dogs are to blame but please, if you have a dog, clear up any mess that they leave behind to keep our children safe.

## Dates and Planning Ahead

### Dates

Dates that have not been shared before are shown in **bold**.

### 2022

#### February

Mon 28th 5F Recycling Workshop

Mon 28th - 1st Mar Yr 3 Residential to Castleton

#### March

Thurs 3rd World Book Day (Children to dress up as book characters - optional)

Mon 7th - Weds 9th Parents' Evening

Mon 14th - Fri 18th Science Week

Tues 22nd Foundation trip

Weds 23rd to Thurs 24th Yr 4 Residential to York

#### April

4th - 18th Easter Holiday

Weds 20th Yr 4 Anglo-Saxon trip to Perlethorpe

## May

2nd Bank Holiday

## June

30th - 3rd June Half Term Holiday

## July

Fri 1st INSET Day

Weds 27th Last day of term for children

## Thank you

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## Contact Us



If you have any questions about the content of this newsletter, please contact the school by the following methods:

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