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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all.

*As the new term starts we welcome some new members of staff to our team.*



Mrs Layton, who will be taking Chestnut Class. Miss Gibbons, who has returned from Maternity leave and will be taking Beech Class from Monday to Thursday. Mrs Kay will take the class on Fridays. Mrs Robinson, who is a Teaching Assistant supporting in KS1. There will be other new faces over the term as we welcome various students from Nottingham Trent University.

### CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Please check your class newsletters on the website. Look out for any changes in PE times to make sure PE kit is in school when needed.

All children should bring clean kits in on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

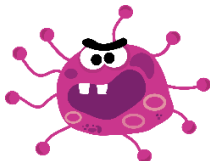


### PE KIT REMINDER

If your child does not have a PE kit in school they will be given a reminder and you will be contacted. They will be required to wear a spare school kit (which is washed and clean). If they have forgotten their kit a second time a letter will be sent home.

### BACK TO SCHOOL ADVICE ISSUED AMID HIGH LEVELS OF FLU, COVID-19 AND SCARLET FEVER

Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.



Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

*It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved. Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading. Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.*

Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late. Contact your GP for information.

### **COST OF LIVING CRISIS**

Please see the attached information sheet for advice and support as we head into 2023.

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - 2023**

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school, 8.45am
- Week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Behaviour Week
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Thank you Club
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Rowan Class Assembly – gates will open at 2.30pm and close promptly at 2.45pm



### **DATE CHANGE DATE CHANGE**

- Tuesday and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> January – Parent/Carer Evenings, 3.30pm – 6pm – *\*please note the date change is due to Young Voices*
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices, Resort World Arena at the NEC, Birmingham
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Alder Class Assembly – gates will open at 2.30pm and close promptly at 2.45pm
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Thank you Club
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for Half-Term, 3.15pm

*We are looking forward to seeing you on Monday!*

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Hurst'.

Mrs. C Hurst BA (Hons) PGCE NPQH NLE - Headteacher

