Edenfield News

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Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the half term draws to a close and the lifting of restrictions has enabled us to resume many activities, albeit with additional safety guidelines, I wish all of you a happy and relaxing holiday. The weather promises to be fine and sunny which will, hopefully, enable us to spend lots of time in the great outdoors.

You will be aware that in recent weeks, there has been an increase in Covid-19 cases and this has affected schools across Rossendale, including our school, this week. Unfortunately, some of our children will have to self-isolate during half term which we appreciate is a disappointing situation.

Yesterday, you should have received a letter addressed to parents from Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public health for Lancashire containing a number of vital updates. Please can I just draw your particular attention to the following points:

d) Close contacts testing

Around 1 in 5 people who have been in close contact with a person with Covid-19 will go on to have Covid-19 themselves, and around 1 in 3 of those will have no symptoms but can still spread the virus. Getting a test when you are a contact helps to find if you are one of those people and, if so, ensures they self-isolate. This is how we break the chains of transmission.

People who have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive with Covid-19 can now get a PCR test during their 10-day self-isolation period, whether or not they have symptoms. It is important to isolate for 10 days even if the PCR test is negative.

c) Symptomatic testing

If you or your child or young person has one or more of the three classic Covid-19 symptoms – a high temperature; a new continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell – you or they must isolate immediately and book a PCR test via the NHS. If you or your child or young person do not have any of the three classic symptoms, proceed through the questions and then tick the box that says: "My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms."

If the PCR test result is positive, close contacts, including pupils and their household, must self-isolate from the day their symptoms started and the next 10 full days. Close contacts should also take a PCR test and continue to self-isolate even if the result is negative

(Excerpt from letter)

This differs from previous guidance where it stated a PCR test is only necessary if your child presents with symptoms. Here in school, we have always requested children are tested if there is positive case in the household and most people have cooperated with this request to help us manage the spread of infection. We would continue to urge you to get your child tested if you, or a member of the household receives a positive test result, and thank you in advance for your help in keeping our school community safe, and free from infection. I have also attached a testing flow chart which illustrates the testing process very clearly. Hopefully, as the vaccination programme continues to gather pace (the most effective weapon against Covi-19), the current rise will start to decrease.

Today, we were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Charles who is leaving us to take up a new role at Valley College (Tor View). Mrs Charles has worked across a number of classes in school but has largely been based in Y6 where she has worked tirelessly to support the children and Mr Holt. We will miss her very much but wish her every happiness and success in her new role.

In worship, we have continued to reflect on the Christian celebration, Pentecost. We have learned how when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, the disciples were given the power to teach about God and even perform miracles like the ones Jesus had performed. We likened this to super heroes and agreed that the disciples were just like super heroes who were given the power to do good and help others in need. We reflected on what we might do to help the world if we had super powers. As a result of our discussions, we realised that we can actually do lots of good deeds without super powers and we prayed to God for help and guidance in helping others, and looking after our world. We prayed:

Dear God,

Thank you for the festival of Pentecost. Thank you that your spirit can live in us, bringing peace, hope and joy.
Spirit of God, as strong as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove.
Give us your joy and give us your peace
Show us to Jesus' love.
Amen

Warm wishes,
C.L. Garner

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Extra-Curricular Activities

Spring and Summer Term 2021

Clubs take place from the end of the school day until 4.15pm unless otherwise indicated.

Day	Activity	Year Group
Tues	**Friends at Play**	Year 3 *(Group B starts 8th June 2021.)*
Tues	**Girls' Football**	Years 5 and 6 *(Class bubbles to be kept separate)*
Wed	**Infant Sports**	Years 1 and 2 *(Running alternate Tuesdays for each year group)*
Wed	**Singing Club**	Years 5 and 6 *(Class bubbles to be kept separate)*
Wed	**Boys' Football**	Years 5 and 6 *(Class bubbles to be kept separate)*
Thurs	**Gardening**	Year 3
Thurs	**Running**	Year 4
Thurs	**Hockey**	Years 4 and 5 *(Class bubbles to be kept separate)*

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 21st May

Reception Class: Leo Hague, Lucia Cuddy

Class 1: Jack Seal, Lucienna Hague

Class 2: Cohen Barker, Sol Robinson

Class 3: Seth McGrory, Poppy Keir

Class 4: Hugo Walden, Tulisha Farnworth

Class 5: Barney Morrison, Isla Jane Formby

Class 6: Henry Johnston, Roman Flynn

Friday 28th May

Reception Class: Isabelle Bowes, All of Class Reception

Class 1: Sophie Finn, Riley O'Toole

Class 2: Ollie Giles, Alexander Ball

Class 3: Malachy-Jay Coulson, Lola O'Toole

Class 4: Oscar Bennett, Erin Hudson

Class 5: Grace Cotton, Joshua Keir

Class 6: Adam Campbell, Finlay Veale

Dinner Money KS2

A reminder that dinner money is due in advance, and the cost for the next half term is £63.80. Alternatively, parents or carers may pay £11 each week.

Please send weekly payments (preferably by cheque) into school on Mondays. Please make all cheques payable to **Lancashire County Council**.

Covid Testing and Results

Should your child need to be tested or receive test results outside of school hours, please ensure that you e-mail Mrs Garner direct at head@edenfield.lancs.sch.uk providing full details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SO FAR

Mon 7th June	School closed (Inset Day)
Tues 8th June	School opens
Weds 9th June	Class 6 Bikeability (Group 1)
Thurs 10th June	Class photographs
Thurs 10th June	Class 6 BRGS transition meeting (Pupils only)
Fri 11th June	Class 6 Bikeability (Group 1)
Fri 11th June	Class 6 Alder Grange transition meeting (Pupils only)
Mon 14th to 16th June	Class 5 and 6 – PGL Residential
Mon 14th June	New admissions parents' meeting via Teams
Thurs 17th June	Class 6 Bikeability (Group 2)
Fri 18th June	Class 6 Bikeability (Group 2)
Mon 21st June	Science Week
Tues 22nd June	BRGS entrance exam registration deadline (12 noon)
Mon 28th to 30th June	Class R Learn to Ride
Tues 6th July	New admissions fun and games outside (1.30 to 3.00pm)
Thurs 8th July	Class 5 Anglo Saxon visitor

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)

Toast Money

A reminder that toast money is due in advance, and the cost for the next half term is £5.80. A text message has been sent to pupils who currently receive toast, advising of the cost for next term.

Please make payments (preferably by cheque) payable to **Lancashire County Council**.

BRGS Entrance Exam

The entrance examination registration system for Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School (BRGS) is now open. This is for parents who would like to consider BRGS as a possible high school for their child from September 2022. This would be current year 5 parents.

The registration page can be accessed via the "Admission Page" of the BRGS website (www.brgs.org.uk), or directly via this link: https://www.brgs.org.uk/about-us/admissions

Parents need to have completed their registration by 12 noon on Tuesday 22nd June 2021. Late registrations will not be accepted.