

William Law CE Primary School



School Newsletter – January 2022

School Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and a great start to the new year. I know for some of you the break was disrupted due to COVID but I hope you still found some time to enjoy time together as a family.

As I am sure you are aware, nationally, staffing in schools and other sectors is becoming difficult due to the current COVID situation. I do monitor numbers of children who are absent with COVID on a daily basis, this allows me to make decisions on further restrictions in school as they are needed. I understand that the Government are reducing restrictions, but in school where numbers are high, we need to put additional measures in place. As well as keeping everyone as healthy as possible, this is also to keep as many staff well enough to teach. If I am unable to staff the school, this could lead to closure of individual classrooms or year groups. We would then need to switch to remote learning. I am sure you will agree that this needs to be avoidable wherever possible.

I have contacted the Local Authority Public Health team to ensure we are putting all the necessary measures into place. They are confident that we are doing so and have not recommended any other measures other than the ones school have already implemented.

To support us in making decisions, please do inform us as soon as possible regarding a confirmed case of COVID. On some occasions we are hearing through other parents. Please use the covidpositive@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk email address so we can monitor the situation outside of school hours as well. Thank you for your patience and support.

We will only communicate absences which have a long term impact on the class. Due to staffing there are a few changes to some upcoming dates, particularly class assemblies. Please see the revised dates within this newsletter.

Staff Update

Miss Coles has joined us as Midday Supervisor and Miss Loew-Berry joins us as Teaching Assistant. We welcome them both to the team.

PE Kit



child's PE kit.

During the colder months, children are able to bring tracksuit bottoms and tops to wear during outdoor PE. We would encourage this along with under layers if possible. Please ensure these are in your

Face Coverings

Just a reminder that face coverings must be worn on the school site at all times. This includes when you are entering the school to speak to someone in the school office.

Gates



Please note that the gates will be closed at 8.50am. Anyone who arrives after this time should report to school via the main office.

Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please do not send your children in with nuts for their snack or lunch.



Parent Questionnaire

Thank you for those parents that completed the parent survey. This really is valuable information to move school improvement forwards. We had 83 responses which represented approximately 95 children. The results of the Parent Questionnaire carried out in December 2021 can be found at the end of this newsletter. We would like to further explore with parents, areas identified from the survey to gain further thoughts on these aspects. The senior leadership team would like to hold virtual parent forums on the following areas:-

School Dinners – Mr Epton-Smith – 2nd February 2022 at 4.00pm – 4.45pm

Progress and Achievement – Miss Lenton – 3rd February 2022 at 10.00am – 11.00am

Behaviour – Rewards and Sanctions – Miss Paterson – 10th February 2022 at 11.30pm – 12.30pm

SEND – Miss Paterson – 7th February 2022 at 11.30am – 12.30pm

Communication and School Relations – Mr Epton-Smith – 2nd March 2022 at 4.00pm – 4.45pm

Please note that these forums are not to discuss individual issues, these should be emailed into school for follow-up.

If you wish to sign up to these forums please click on this link.

<https://forms.gle/JEN7JGojszwoYNBd6>

A link will be sent to you on the day to access the meetings.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
25th January	Class 10 – Come Dine with Me Year 2 – Billy the Beast Pantomime – School Hall
26th January	Class 11 – Come Dine with Me
27th January	Class 12 – Come Dine with Me EYFS WOW Day
28th January	Forest School – Class 12
2nd February	9.30am – Year 3 and 4 Holy Communion Service at St John's Church
4th February	Forest School – Class 12
8th February	Safer Internet Day 3.30pm – 6.30pm – Parents Evening (Virtual)
10th February	4.30pm – 7.00pm – Parents Evening (Virtual)
11th February	9.00am – Class Assembly – 10B Forest School – Class 12
14th – 18th Feb	HALF TERM
25th February	Forest School – Class 10 Class Assembly - Class 19E (Changed date from 21 st January 2022)

Results of Parent Questionnaire

	Strongly Agree %	Agree %	Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	Don't know %
1. My child enjoys being at William Law	52	41	7	0	0
2. My child is making good progress	36	51	5	1	7
3. My child is taught well at school	39	48	6	0	7
4. My child enjoys the school's curriculum	32	59	4	0	5
5. My child enjoys coming to school	44	41	14	1	0
6. My child is treated fairly at school	31	49	10	0	10
7. My child is encouraged to do their best at school	41	49	5	0	5
8. My child is encouraged to become mature and independent	43	49	2	0	6
9. My child feels safe at school	47	43	5	1	4
10. There is a good level of care and support at school for my child	37	49	8	0	6
11. The school makes sure my child is well prepared for the future (for example when starting school, changing year group or changing school)	27	51	10	1	11
12. The school meets my child's particular needs (Special Education Needs, English as an additional language, playground support)	23	46	10	1	20
13. The school has a Christian ethos which has an impact on my child. (Assemblies, Christian values like forgiveness, love and respect for others, links with the Church)	28	58	6	1	7
14. The curriculum is broad and balanced enough to help prepare young people for modern Britain (RE, PSHE, creative curriculum)	31	54	6	1	8
15. I am satisfied with the range of opportunities I have to discuss with my child's progress and achievements (for example parents evenings, SATs results, reports, comments on home learning, certificates)	20	45	20	6	9

16. I am comfortable approaching the school with a question or concern and know the different channels available	32	48	14	4	2
17. The school is good at seeking the opinions of parents	25	45	17	7	6
18. The school acts quickly on parents' suggestions and concerns	16	43	24	4	13
19. I am happy with the overall communications from school to home (for example newsletters, website, parentpay communication, email, admin staff dealing with queries)	32	51	13	2	2
20. I have a positive relationship with the school	39	48	6	5	2
21. Office staff are welcoming and helpful	55	39	1	1	4
22. The school is well managed by the Headteacher and Leadership team	41	42	5	2	10
23. The school has an effective Governing Body	24	45	2	2	27
24. I am happy with the quality of school dinners	20	43	14	10	13
25. William Law is a welcoming school	45	48	5	0	2
26. William Law overall is a happy school	43	49	6	1	1
27. William Law is highly thought of in the community	35	49	7	4	5
28. Overall I am happy with William Law	39	47	12	0	2
29. I would recommend William Law CE Primary School	43	39	8	4	6