



Theme for next week : Transport

Head's Message

Dear Parents,

It is the end of the second week and we have just about adapted to our new safety routines. One teacher remarked that she felt like an NQT as everything was so different - routines, the timetable and the way we move around the School. For years, we have been following a system that worked for everyone and was familiar. I am sure it won't take that long for us to be fully adapted to a different way of doing things. After all, a change is as good as a rest!

At assembly, I spoke to the children about what it meant to be back. On the face of it, everything seems the same. However, on closer observation there are a number of changes. I used a photograph of two images that appeared to be the same but, when studied closely, had subtle differences. I am pleased to say the children are adapting, possibly more quickly than the adults. For the most part, being at school is the same for them.

A number of parents are asking for clarification about what they should do if their child is unwell or is displaying symptoms.

If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough, a high temperature, or has a loss or change in their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home. They will also be advised to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. This outlines that they must:

- self-isolate for at least 10 days
- arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

Action list

1. In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. They should not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital, except in an emergency.
2. We will call you to collect your child and take them home. We will advise you that all household members will need to isolate and you will be referred to the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.
3. While your child is awaiting collection, we will move them to an isolated room and open a window for ventilation.
4. Staff caring for a pupil while they are awaiting collection should maintain 2 metre distancing. If this not possible, for example with a young child, they should wear suitable PPE.
5. Staff/other pupils who have had contact with the symptomatic pupil must wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds.
6. When you pick up the pupil, you will be advised to get your child tested and to notify us of the results.
7. If the pupil tests positive for COVID-19, we will notify the local health protection team (HPT) immediately. With HPT advice, we will identify close contacts of the symptomatic individual. Contact tracers will inform contacts that they need to self-isolate for 14 days in line with guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. A template letter will be sent to all parents and staff if needed.

Enjoy the weekend.

With best wishes,

Leonard Blom





On Tuesday morning last week, as part of the school induction process, Mr Blom welcomed Nursery pupils and their parents. It was wonderful to see our youngest joiners enjoying their time in their new environment.



Last Thursday, all pupils returned to school. There were plenty of smiling faces around the School as pupils adapted quickly to new classrooms, new regimes and a different-looking dining hall.



5SY have been getting used to the 'new normal', whilst still upholding the 'old normal' by ensuring they are doing their best to be their best.



Year 2 read a story this week about a girl called Jenny who worried too much. It was only when she shared her problems with an elderly neighbour that they disappeared and did not bother her again. Year 2 wrote about their worries and asked Jenny's neighbour if she would deal with them. As the saying goes, 'a problem shared is a problem halved'.



With the children returning to PE lessons we have been very keen to get them active. Year 4 enjoyed some fun warm-up activities this week before completing a short cross-country run to test their stamina.



Throughout the summer term, Year 3 studied a variety of books by award-winning author and illustrator Grahame Baker-Smith. At the end of the year, one of the children's tasks was to write Mr Baker-Smith a letter. Here is Tani, now in 4HS, posting her letter and, on the left, is the reply she received.



Congratulations to Kyle in 8SS who was awarded a Headmaster's Commendation this week.

We returned to competitive football and netball this week for all Middle and Senior Games lessons. The Under 11 squad are preparing for the return to fixtures. Here, Henry in 6JB, holds off the pressure of two defenders whilst helping his team attack in a game of 'breakaway waves'.



Bancroft's School is holding its first virtual Open Event on Monday, 14 September at 5.30pm. Registration is necessary and can be done through their website.

Forest School are holding a Virtual Open Morning on Saturday, 19 September at 9.15am. To reserve your place, go to www.forest.org.uk



This week, children in Year 5 have been learning how to place Ancient Greek events in chronological order. To do this they developed their understanding of BC/BCE and how this fits in with world history.

Bishop Stortford College are holding their Virtual Open Morning on Saturday, 19 September from 9.30am to 1pm. Please see their website for information on how to register for this event.