Leap year newsletter February 2020!

Coronavirus – this information has come from The Department of Education 26.2.2020.

We are continuing to keep you updated on the government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Public Health England advises that the risk to individuals in the UK remains low.

Advice for those who have travelled recently

Yesterday, the Chief Medical Advisor for England, Chris Whitty updated advice for travellers returning to the UK from specific areas affected by COVID-19, which you can find at:

https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Please share this guidance with your staff and cascade as appropriate.

If you have returned from the following specific areas since 19th February, you should call NHS 111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy (see link to maps below)
- Special care zones in South Korea (see link to maps below)
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days – see link to maps below)

If you have returned from the following areas since 19 February and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at

home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS 111:

- Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini – see link to maps below)
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

If you have a cough, or fever or shortness of breath and have visited any of the following areas in the last 14 days, stay indoors and call NHS 111 informing them of your recent travel:

- China, apart from Hubei province (see link to maps below)
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea, apart from special care zones (see link to maps below)
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

Maps showing affected regions of China, Republic of Korea and Italy

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas

Advice for those who have travelled recently in a group, such as a school trip

There is no need to manage returning groups any differently. Pupils, students and staff returning from trips to the countries specified above should follow the same advice.

Where to find the latest information

Public Health England blog: https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/

Cake sale

Thanks for all the donations of cakes and goodies for the sale in the last week of term. We had a very busy and successful sale!

Just a reminder,

Peanut and nut allergy awareness, preschool will now be a *Nut Free Zone!*
It is crucial that NO PEANUTS are brought in to preschool.

Thank you for your help with this important safety measure.

Internet safety – Strategies to help keep our children safe on the internet.

- Check apps, website and search results before using them with children
- Young children should always be supervised when accessing the internet
- Ensure safety modes and filters are applied – default settings tend not to ensure a high level of privacy or security

Resources for parents about internet safety (that can be found on the internet)

- NSPCC – Guidance for parents on keeping children safe online
- Parent Zone – digital parenting magazine
- Thinkuknow – guidance and information for parents/carers from NCA-CEOP
- Internet matters – guidance for parents of preschoolers.

Head lice

Head lice are common in children, but can affect anyone of any age. They are not a sign of dirty hair or poor hygiene. Close 'hair to hair' contact is usually needed to pass lice on. As the children return to pre-school the head lice have more opportunity to thrive and spread! Head lice are difficult to treat and to prevent the infection recurring, vigilance is needed to ensure that no eggs remain to hatch. Please could you look carefully at your child's head to check for head lice and treat as appropriately either with regular combing using a fine toothed coomb after applying conditioner or use a proprietary chemical treatment from the chemist or supermarket?