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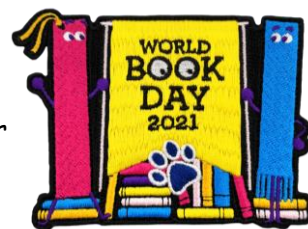
THANK YOU!

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of this final week of learning from home, I would like to thank you for all you have done during this time to support, encourage and facilitate your children's learning. It will be wonderful to welcome your children back to school next week and to settle back into school life! We are so excited to see them all and school has been a hive of activity as we prepare the classrooms to welcome the children back!

If you haven't done so yet, please do familiarise yourself with the arrangements for our return to school in the following pages. It's really important that we all play our part in keeping our community as safe as possible during this time.

We wrote earlier this week just to make you aware that TODAY is World Book Day. Last year, we missed our Fishbourne celebrations because we had gone into the first lockdown - this year we are determined to celebrate this occasion with our Fishbourne Family so we have pressed pause and plan to celebrate together on Thursday 1st April, which is also the last day of the spring term. We will be catching up with our amazing Patron of Reading, Sophy Henn, on Zoom to hear about what she's been up to in the last few months! **To celebrate Sophy and her amazing book 'Pizazz', we would like the children to dress up as a superhero of some description!** The book Pizazz actually stars our very own Elephant class AND Mrs Harris - how cool is that!?



Pizazz, a girl from a family of superheroes who has an embarrassing superpower (secret till the end) and lives an ordinary life when not flying through space to save the world from supervillains called Twerknado or Megavom. She has to wear her cape all the time, she doesn't like her name and at her new school the leader of the popular girls sneers.

When Pizazz embarks on a more everyday way to save the planet, taking on big business and the local council to stop a park being turned into a car park, she finds friends and new confidence. Illustrated in manga-style cartoons, with Marvel-spoofing episodes in comic strip, this is a witty and original reminder that superheroes are human too.

You can make up a superhero of your own or choose one of the Supers from Pizazz! Most of all, have fun being creative.





Please DO NOT feed the horses!

Addie Carter owns the horses in the field on Emperor Way (near the Roman Palace). She writes:

'Please guys can you stop feeding my horses? I do not mind you stopping to stroke them and say hello but the food I provide contains all the valuable vitamins they need. I go there every day to see them. I check on the water and give them a bucket of feed every day in addition to the haylage that is replenished regularly.'

'Recently while I was there, in the space of 15 mins, I had 3 different people turn up with bags of carrots. I have also found bread in the field. This is not good for them. Two of them are pregnant and need the balanced diet that I am giving them. I hope you all understand my frustration. Overfeeding them can cause serious health problems. My horses have been there since December 2020 when I took over the tenancy of the field. They are looked after like they're gold; if people keep feeding them at the fence it makes them stand in the wet and I don't want to have to move them elsewhere.'

The British Horse Society (BHS) is urging members of the public not to feed horses in fields as this can cause serious illness and be potentially life-threatening. BHS believes many people act with no malicious intent and are simply unaware of the risks that certain foods or grass cuttings can pose to horses.

In the last year several newspapers have reported on the death of horses, believed to be due to overfeeding by members of the public.

'People think that giving a horse one carrot is fine, but multiply that by twenty or thirty, or however many are passing that day who also decide to feed them.'

Addie thanks you for your co-operation. If you need any further information please contact Addie via the 'Fishbourne Vibes' group on Facebook, or ask someone to do it for you if you can't do it yourself.

We will be sending home the World Book Day vouchers during the first week back at school as these need to be used by the 28th March. Look out for a very special gift from Friends of Fishbourne School that will come with it!

A date for your diary: Comic Relief on Friday 19th March. Children can come to school in non-uniform and in return there will be the option of donating £1, via parentmail in the payment section, to support this charity.

We have been asked to share this article from the village magazine with our families. As these lovely horses are so close to our school, we wanted to support Addie Carter by sharing this important information with you.

Finally, we have asked all children to return to school in their full uniform. If you discover in the coming days that feet have grown and you can't get school shoes in time for Monday 8th March, please do not panic! We do ask though that you do get hold of new school shoes as and when you can.

We look forward lots to seeing you on Monday. If you have any questions or concerns or wobbles about coming back to school, please don't hesitate to make contact with us to let us know.

With every best wish,

Naomi Day

The risk assessment will remain as it was as we prepared to return to school in January 2021. We have attached to this letter some questions and answers that will be very helpful for you to re-read in preparation for Monday 8th March. Like us, you may feel you need some reminders about the protocols we had put in place for the return of the children and what we are asking from you! We hope this will be helpful to you:

How will school feel different?

The children will be grouped in their class bubbles and we will minimise the amount of contact they have between these bubbles. This will mean that we won't have our usual whole school assembly, or communal time spent having lunch in the hall. Classrooms will be organised to achieve as much distance between the children as we can, but also to maximise the children's access to their learning. One-way systems will be in place in the school building and each class bubble will be allocated a set of toilets that they will use during the day and during breaktimes. The school field will be zoned so that the children will play only with children in their class bubbles and there will be staggered playtimes. Children will eat lunch in their classrooms. Those having hot lunches will collect their meal from the hall and return with it to the classroom.

What hygiene measures will be in place?

Children will be asked to wash their hands immediately on arrival at school and at other key times during the school day. We will be promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to hygiene and there will be plenty of tissues and bins available in school. Desks will be wiped down regularly and classroom bins emptied each lunchtime.

What will drop off and pickup be like?

There will continue to be staggered drop off and pick up times for families attending school. The plan for this busy part of the school day has been designed to try to ensure we keep contact between families to an absolute minimum. **It's really important that you continue to follow these protocols, especially in relation to arriving at your allotted times.** This part of the day is normally a busy, sociable and happy one for our school family and so initially, it will feel very strange indeed to behave in this way. We are aiming for this to be as efficient as possible, with parents spending the minimum amount of time needed dropping and collecting their children at school.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WEAR A FACE COVERING WHEN ON THE PATHWAYS AROUND SCHOOL.

The Roman Palace car park will NOT be open and we ask families to walk or cycle to school if they can. Please refer to the final page of this letter which goes through a step by step guide to the beginning and end of the school day.

Who will be teaching our children?

	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>LSA</i>
Crocodiles	<i>Mrs Harris (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Allen (Fri)</i>	<i>Mrs Whitaker Mrs Huxtable</i>
Hippos	<i>Mrs Allen (Mon & Tues) Mrs Goodman (Wed-Fri)</i>	<i>Mrs Gregory Mrs Carter (am only)</i>
Elephants	<i>Miss Axelsen</i>	<i>Mrs Ball</i>
Penguins	<i>Mrs Williams</i>	<i>Miss Taylor Mrs Harvey</i>
Koalas	<i>Mrs Rinaldi (Mon-Wed lunchtime) Mrs Treagust (Wed lunchtime- Fri)</i>	<i>Mrs Mitten Mrs Akehurst</i>
Panthers	<i>Mrs Woolnough</i>	<i>Mrs Brown Mrs Dumitriu - every morning + Tue and Thu pm</i>
Tigers	<i>Mrs Buchan (Mon-Thu) Mr Servant and Curtis (Fri)</i>	<i>Mrs Oldfield (am only)</i>

Mr Servant and Mrs Gifford will continue to provide PPA cover in school for children in year groups 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. These members of staff also work in other local schools and we will be working closely in partnership with them to ensure that there are specific protocols that will be put in place to ensure that stringent social distancing is in place, maintaining 3 metres distance from all children at all times. For this reason, those LSA's present in these sessions will take on any closer contact needed with the children.

Are staff using Lateral Flow Tests?

Yes! Up to one in three people who test positive for the virus have it with no symptoms and are spreading the virus unknowingly. As a result, the Department for Education are introducing asymptomatic testing for all staff working in schools. These tests will be carried out twice a week so that any members of staff who may be carrying the virus can be identified and asked to isolate in order to control the spread of the virus. Our staff will be asked to test using a Lateral Flow Test on a Sunday afternoon and a Wednesday afternoon. Any staff who receive a positive result will be required to self-isolate as will their household and any close contacts until they have taken a PCR test to confirm the result.

This clearly has the potential to impact on our families. We advise that you will need to have short-notice childcare options in place in the event that you receive a message stating that your child's bubble has closed. We have chosen to do these tests on a Sunday and Wednesday afternoon to allow us to give you the maximum amount of notice and would hope to inform you during the early evening should this be the case. I understand that this is yet another challenge in an already difficult situation for us all but I sincerely hope that this development will help to identify positive cases more quickly and break any possible chains of transmission.

Will there be wrap around care?

We are really pleased to let you know that CC's will continue to provide wrap-around care for those families who need it. However, there will be no other before or after school clubs during the rest of the spring term, this will be reviewed in time for the summer term.

How will the curriculum be different?

We will continue to teach an exciting, ambitious and broad curriculum covering all areas of learning. We are aware we will need to modify the curriculum to ensure we address gaps in learning and this is something that is part of our regular classroom practice.

Will I have contact with the class teachers or office?

Parents must not to enter the playground gates or school building at all. Any correspondence with members of staff will take place via the telephone or email. We are aware that this will feel very different to our usual approach and we want to be clear that we hugely value working in partnership with each and every family who make up our school community.

Will my child have to wear uniform?

Yes please! This will help them to feel a sense of belonging.

What should my child bring to school?

The children may now bring some items to and from school - including PE kits, home reading books and book bags. Please do not bring toys or anything that is not necessary.

Please also provide your child with a named pencil case to use this term. This will be kept in school until further notice. If you can stock it with a set of colouring pens or colouring pencils for them to use, this will greatly help our resourcing. If this causes a problem for you, please do let us know as soon as possible.

Those children in Crocodile and Hippo class will be asked to wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE and will stay in their PE kit all day (see parentmail email sent 03/03/21).

What are the arrangements for lunchtime?

Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will still be able to have their free hot lunch. Children in Key Stage 2 will also be able to have a hot lunch but these will need to be ordered in the usual way via the Chartwells website. They will no longer be free to children in Key Stage 2.

Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered to give the children ample time to eat and enjoy relaxed time together. The playground and field will be zoned to prevent bubbles from mixing together.

In what circumstances should my child not come to school?

* If you or any member of your household has coronavirus symptoms, you should not attend school under any circumstances.

*If you have been asked to self-isolate by either the school or through the Test, Track and Isolate Government Guidance.

What happens in the event of a child in school becoming poorly with Covid 19 at school?

* If your child becomes poorly in school with coronavirus symptoms, they will be taken to our Aquarium room which will be used as an isolation space.

*We will phone you immediately and ask you to come and pick your child up from school. You will then be expected to self-isolate for 10 days and adhere to the Test, Track and Isolate Government Guidance.

*The member of staff caring for them may use PPE.

* All children attending Fishbourne Primary, and members of your household, will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus and we **expect** you to get tested in this scenario and adhere to the Test, Track and Isolate Government Guidance.

What happens if my child gets sent home poorly?

*We will request that if your child is displaying symptoms you book a test. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit

*You will be asked to provide details of anyone you have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace

*You will be expected to self-isolate if you have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Do I have to send my child back to school?

Yes! The Secretary for Education, Gavin Williamson, has made it clear that school attendance will be mandatory from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from March 8th, the usual rules on school attendance will apply and you will have a duty to ensure that your child attends regularly at school. If you are concerned though, please don't hesitate to get in touch and share your concerns so that we can support you.

How will my child access learning if they are not able to come to school?

The weekly learning letters will come to an end and from the 8th March our teaching team will return to planning for face to face learning in our classrooms. We will expect all families to be back at school.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important letter. We have been so encouraged by the support shown to our school by you all over the last few months. After Easter we will return to our monthly newsletter and look forward to giving you lots of exciting news then.

With all our thanks,

Naomi Day



Protocol for dropping off and picking up children from school

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collecting their children at school. Despite this regimented arrival, your children will be welcomed warmly into school and we want to assure you that we will continue to work in partnership with you.

- 1) Only one parent to come on the school run. Please ensure you are wearing a face covering.
- 2) Families have been allocated a specific arrival time 8.40 and 9.00am:

8.40 - 8.45am	8.45 - 8.50am	8.50 - 8.55am	8.55-9.00am
Children of key workers	Surnames A - I	Surnames J- R	Surnames S - Z

- 3) We will operate a one-way system whereby:
 - Families enter through the pedestrian gate, maintaining social distancing at all times, using the fish on the pavement as a guide.
 - Parents will accompany their children to their key stage playground gate.
 - Parents then leave through the vehicle gate closest to the Roman Palace, crossing the road and leaving Roman Way on the far side of the pavement to avoid congestion with those families queueing to come into school.
- 4) Families should not congregate in groups socially before or after school. It is essential that all families are respectful of the request to social distance outside of school time.
- 5) Mrs Day and Mrs Buchan will be on the gates to the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds to support children in saying goodbye to parents and directing them to their class teachers who will be ready to greet them at their classroom doors.
- 6) Immediately on arrival at their classroom, children will wash their hands before going to their table and starting their morning activities.
- 7) Parents should not attempt to enter the playground or the school via the main entrance. We ask for all correspondence with class teachers or the office to come via email or by telephone.
- 8) At the end of the day, children will be picked up in the same staggered groups between 3.00 and 3.20pm.

3.00 - 3.05pm	3.05 - 3.10pm	3.10 - 3.15pm	3.15 - 3.20pm
Surnames A - I	Surnames J - R	Surnames S - Z	Children of keyworkers

- 9) Those children due to be collected will be waiting on the playground and parents will queue as they did in the morning. Children will be called when their parent has arrived and families will then leave via the vehicle access gate.
- 10) Local residents will be informed of the arrangements for the beginning and end of the school day so that they can avoid the area should they wish to.

The Roman Palace is currently out of action for parking.