



Wickersley Northfield Primary NEWSLETTER

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Half Term

We trust that everyone had a safe and enjoyable half term break.

This half term is seven weeks taking us to the Christmas holiday.

We are going to continue strictly adhering to the COVID rules and expectations in our school to ensure all pupils and staff are safe and well.

We were extremely pleased that we did not have to close any of our class bubbles last half term and we are certainly hoping we can continue this great run this half term. We all need to continue working together and socially distancing on the school site to keep each other safe as the number of local positive cases continues to rise.

It is with great regret that many of the pupils PE sessions will need to be cancelled as the weather changes making it impossible for the sessions to take place outside.

Considering the continued rise in cases and the imminent national lockdown to begin this week our school will not be re-opening our school breakfast club this half term.

We understand that this is difficult for some families but we are sure that you understand that we must put the safety of the pupils and our staff as our priority.

We really do want to continue to open our doors to all our pupils to enable them to receive the best education.

School Grounds

As we are all aware COVID is definitely on the rise in our local area and as already mentioned the Government feel that a national lockdown is needed to reduce the spread. However, unlike the last lockdown the Government intend to keep schools open.

Therefore to ensure our pupils can continue to come into school and receive the education that they are entitled to we must all work together to keep our children and our staff safe.

When on our schools grounds (and outside the school gates):

- Parents/carers from separate households to move around following social distancing expectations
(Be considerate to other peoples space)
- Parent/carers to line up for their child's class following social distancing expectations
- Parents/carers to remain 2 metres away from all members of the school staff to keep them safe
- Parents/carers to be punctual for their child's class and then leave the school site as soon as you can
(Do not stand talking to another parent from another household on our grounds)

Do NOT enter the school site if you or anyone in your house has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 OR you have been in close contact to anyone that has tested positive. PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE REST OF US AT RISK!

Face Masks

Unless the Government make any further adaptations/changes to the expectations pupils and staff are not required to wear masks inside the classrooms or outside in the school grounds.



For the continued safety of our pupils and staff I would like to firmly suggest that our parents/carers wear face masks coming into the school grounds and around the school site.

The staff who are outside supporting everyone will be wearing face masks from today.

Please continue to work with us and support our pupils and staff so we can continue to keep all our classes in our school and not working remotely from home.

Gold Award

A huge WELL DONE to Mason Bowns and Dylan Anderson



who have both achieved their gold awards on Athletics.



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School Dinners

We have listened to parents views about the school grab bag dinners provided last half term and we have worked with Dolce to improve the dinners available.

From this week there is more choice for the pupils. There will be a daily hot choice meal (including vegetarian option) with a side, a daily sandwich with choice of fillings and also from this week a daily jacket potato option with a choice of fillings.

All the meals will still be provided in a grab bag and the pupils will all continue to eat in their classrooms.



If you want your child to have a school meal, please order online before 8.30am and ensure all meals are paid for in advance.

If you require any support, please contact the school office on 01709 543704

Thank you for your continued support and understanding at this very difficult time for us all.

Free School Meals

If you have seen the news you will be aware of the discussions that have been taking place with regards to providing pupils with meal vouchers during half term and holidays during the current pandemic.

What you might not be aware of is that late on Friday night before half term Rotherham Local Authority decided to fund the vouchers for the pupils in Rotherham.

Unfortunately, the council were unable to send the vouchers themselves and our school received the electronic vouchers for Morrisons on Wednesday afternoon. Since the school has been closed we will ensure that everyone who is eligible for the £15 vouchers receive them today.

Please note these vouchers are only for the pupils that are eligible and their parents have completed the form, not all F2, Y1 & Y2 pupils that receive the universal free school meals in school.

We apologise for the delay in sending them but this was outside of our control.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office by phone or email.

If you think you might be eligible for Free School Meals, please visit the Rotherham.gov website and complete the online form.

Birthday Books

During a recent reading webinar I heard about a school that was encouraging parents/carers to donate a book to their child's class on their birthday instead of bringing in sweets/cake.

I thought this was a great idea firstly because of the importance of children reading and enjoying books/stories but secondly because during the current pandemic it is a way of sharing and celebrating a child's birthday with their school friends when sweets/cakes cannot be brought into school and shared out.

Before I could share this idea with everyone Sophie Hinchliffe's mum provided F2L with some amazing books for the class to share.



Thank you very much I am sure F2L will get much enjoyment from those books.

