



HOMELINK

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Dear Children & Parents,

We have finally come to the end of what has been a very strange week for me. After two years of avoiding Covid, it has finally caught up with me, hence my absence from the school for the last week and a bit. A big thank you to the staff who have coped superbly this week with both my absence and that of a number of colleagues. At Newlands we are very much reflecting the national picture and are starting to see infection rates climb again. If your children are displaying any of the three key symptoms please do book them a PCR test and isolate them until you get the result.

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Against this backdrop we have been excitedly planning our first colour team morning with parents for over two years. We are still very much looking forward to welcoming you all into the school but I'm very aware that we need to do it in as safe a way as possible. Consequently, many of the events that we have planned for you will take place outside. At this point it still feels inappropriate to have large numbers of you mixing inside for prolonged periods. Unfortunately, this does mean that we will have no plan B should the weather not cooperate with us, meaning that we may need to cancel at short notice. I know that a potential cancellation would be very frustrating for those of you that have taken time off work, would unsettle the children and be frustrating for us as staff having put hours into planning events for you. However, given the rise in infections that we are seeing this seems like a prudent step especially if we don't have the glorious sunshine that we've had over the last week.

William Neighbour



UKRAINE REFUGEE DONATION POINT



Ukraine Refugee Donation Point will be open at the **former Red Cross Hut, off Monteagle Lane GU46 6LU** until Thursday 31st March. The donation point will be closing after this, with the last lorry departing on Friday 1st April. The opening times are as follows:

- Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March - CLOSED
- Monday 28th – Thursday 31st March - 9am – 1pm

They are collecting the following items:

- Pushchairs
- Torches
- Dried and canned food
- Special diet food (gluten/ lactose free, vegan etc)
- Sanitary products
- Nappies, nappy sacks and wipes
- Baby products
- Baby food products (including toddler food)
- Medical supplies
- Blankets and towels
- Bottled water
- Underwear and socks (NEW ONLY PLEASE)

They are unable to take any other donations. **Please do not leave donations outside of the opening hours – any donations left outside will not be able to be used.**



Key Dates

April 2022

- 7th FONDS Disco
- 8th Colour Team Morning (with parents)
- 8th Break up for Easter at 1:30pm
- 25th Children Start Back

May 2022

- 6th FONDS Quiz
- 9th KS2 SATs Week starts
- 19th 2022/23 Reception Induction Evening (7pm)
- 27th Break up for half term

June 2022

- 6th Children Start Back
- 6th Y6 Residential Week Starts
- 17th Den Building with parents
- 27th INSET—School closed to children

July 2022

- 13th Y6 Production 6:30pm
- 14th Y6 Production 6:30pm

PTO for Global Recycling Day photos.



Global Recycling Day- March 2022

As part of Global Recycling Day some children were out in the community litter picking. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to give something back to the community while applying a practical element to their studies. The children learnt about the importance of recycling as part of their Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education and studied the types of litter they picked up and what this tells us about the local geography of Yateley.

