

## **Parent Information – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

A huge thank you to everyone for following our guidance to keep everyone safe on the school site and for continuing to speak to us about pupils who are unwell so that we can give guidance on attendance and covid testing. We are very grateful. Levels of illness are thankfully very low, but we do have one case of slap cheek virus – the symptoms are feeling generally unwell with a runny nose, sore throat and temperature for a couple of days and then a red rash on the cheeks appears.

Hopefully the increased hygiene measures and messages about “catch it, bin it, kill it” will help reduce the spread of all these bugs as well as covid.

Our online learning program is working well for pupils who are having to isolate due to contact with potential covid cases.

**Message for KS1 parents** – unfortunately we have not been able to check homework for KS1 children today. We do apologise for any inconvenience. The teachers would like to reassure you that it will be kept in school and marked and returned on Monday.

### **Disposable Mask Litter**

A parent has told us that there is a problem with litter on the road and pathway outside the Sneyd Wood Road entrance because disposable masks are being dropped. We are sure this is accidental, and encourage parents to make sure they are careful to take these masks home and dispose of them safely.

### **Armistice Poems**

Thank you to all the parents who sent in donations for poppies and merchandise. If you wish to purchase your child’s framed armistice poem, please do so through parentpay before next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. All proceeds from these will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

### **Children in Need**

Thank you to everyone who has supported Children in Need today. See the newsletter at the end of November to see how much we raised.

### **Teams4U Shoebox appeal**

Reminder for anyone wanting to donate a Christmas shoebox they should be brought to school in the morning next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November and left outside the Sneyd Wood or lower main doors. Guidance on what to include is on this link. <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-guide/>

### **Xmas for Schools Cards**

Thank you to everyone who returned their Christmas card designs – these have been sent off to the printers, and parents who sent them in should by now have received an email which shows

your child's design and allows you to place your order. Orders should be placed by the end of next week online and they will be delivered here and distributed by mid-December.

### **Gloucestershire Music Online Sessions**

For anyone who plays an instrument (children or parents), Gloucestershire Music have an online Ensemble which is open to everyone with weekend and evening rehearsal sessions – further information is on this link: <https://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk/adult-groups/online-ensemble-sessions/>

### **Blue Peter youtube channel**

We know lots of our children applied for Blue Peter badges this year. Did you know that Blue Peter now has a youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter>

### **Forest Schools this term**

Skylark Class on Wednesday Afternoons

Jay Class on Thursday Afternoons

### **School Application Process for entry to EYFS in September 2021**

Parents who have children due to start school in September 2021 must apply by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. If anyone is expecting to receive an application pack and it has not arrived by the end of November please contact the County Council, or let the school office know and we will pass on your information.

Sadly, we will not be able to hold open days or evenings this year, but we have prepared a video tour and additional information which will be available on the school website very soon. Staff will also be very happy to make telephone appointments to speak to prospective parents.

Please pass this information on to anyone you know who has a child due to start school next year. We will send out lots of reminders!

### **Flu Immunisation**

Immunisations took place at school on Monday and Tuesday this week and we can tell you that over 80% of children had the immunisation in school. The school nurses were really pleased and the children were all very good. Any children who did not have the immunisation were sent home with information about catch up clinics.

### **Reception and Year 6 Health checks**

We emailed a letter to Reception and Year 6 parents about health checks which will be carried out and we now have a provisional date of 7<sup>th</sup> January.