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NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to have all the children back in school and to see how much they have grown! The children are settling into their new year groups. We welcome some new children into our Selside School family. Class 2 have been joined by Elodie, Harry and Seth and in class 1 we have lots of new friends; Izzy, Corey, Jaxon, William, Sam, Layla, Georgia, Beatrix, Sadie and Arabella!

Well done for everyone remembering to wear their PE kits on Wednesday! Everyone enjoyed their sporting challenges with Mrs Jones. KS2 were developing and honing their cricket skills and class 1 were working on their tactics to play invasion games!

Both classes have been enjoying the 'The Lost Words' book by Robert Macfarlane. It is definitely worth a read whatever your age! It is a 'book of spells' that celebrates the natural world. It's inspired staff and children alike to explore the school grounds and enjoy the treasures of early autumn.



Unfortunately, autumn also brings coughs, colds and runny noses. The symptoms can be very similar to COVID-19. Therefore, we need to err on the side of caution to keep everyone as safe as possible.

What happens if my child is ill?

We would ask at the moment that you don't send your child into school if they are feeling unwell. Please give them time to rest and recuperate. If your child presents with any of the following symptoms at home, **you must not send them to school**, even if you think their symptoms are not related to COVID-19:



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- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature (meaning your child feels hot to the touch or their temperature is above 37.8)
- A change in their sense of taste and smell.

If your child presents with any of these symptoms at home, we advise you to get a COVID test. They must self-isolate until they receive their test result. We will inform you if someone is going for testing in our school bubble. If they test negative, the child may come back to school once they have been clear of a temperature for 48 hours. If they test positive, please inform school of the result of any test immediately. You will be advised that your child must self-isolate for 10 days and the rest of your household must self-isolate for 14 days. In school we will be in contact with Public Health England and guided by their advice on the next steps. In the case of a positive test this will be the closure and self-isolation of our whole school bubble. We will inform families of any closures as soon as we can.

If a child presents with these symptoms in school, the staff room will be used to separate the child from other pupils in school. We will call you immediately and ask you to take them home.

Staying Safe in school

We are working hard to stay safe in school. We are a small school and are operating as a whole school bubble. Children are washing hands on entry to the building and at set points during the day, as well as where required after using the toilet and certain activities. We will encourage them to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' when they need to sneeze or cough or into the crook of their elbow. We are doing enhanced cleaning in high usage areas like door handles, toilets and surfaces. We are still encouraging our KS2 children to think of giving our friends space and maximise distancing whenever possible. Adults are expected to social distance and minimise the amount of time they spend in close contact with the children. We will be expecting parents to social distance from each other whilst on the school site.

Home-School Agreement

It is important to work together in these challenging times. We have produced a revised Covid-19 Home School Agreement which is attached to this letter. Please find attached two copies; one for you to keep at home and one for you to sign and return to school.

Teachers are always available to speak to outside at the end of the day and can be contacted by email as can Laura Mackenzie on admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk

Best wishes

June Lowther and all the staff

