



Stillington Primary School Weekly Bulletin

10th September 2021



Mrs Moore
(Headteacher)

Welcome Back Everyone!

It has been lovely to welcome children and staff, new and old, back to our three schools this week. We have been blessed with some lovely weather to set us off to a fabulous start. The children have enjoyed their first music lessons with Mr Webb and some PE coaching with our 'Total Sports' coach.

They have settled well into their classrooms and are enjoying the fun and motivating lessons our teachers are delivering.



Infant Class
(EYFS & KS1)

We are so pleased at how well the children have settled into school this week! We've welcomed Mr Yip, Mrs Godel, three new nursery children and a new Year 2.

Our topics this half term are 'Wonderful Woodlands' (EYFS) and 'Our Capital City' (KS1). If you have any resources at home to support these topics, that you feel you can share with the class, please feel free to bring them into school.

Please remember to send your child's **trainers** to school for their daily PE session!



Junior Class
(KS2)

A big welcome back to all of our KS2 children! It's lovely to see everyone back in school with their friends. We have already started our new topic looking at Islamic civilisations through the ages, and we've started to compare what life was like in 900AD with today.

In English we have started to look at our class text, "Quill Soup", by exploring ideas around cultural bias and stereotyping, and in Maths we're looking at place value.

Our 'Reading Door' challenge has re-started! Every time a child reads a book, the spine is photocopied and added to the door—the aim is to get to the top of the door by Christmas!

So if anyone is reading a book at home and finishes it, please bring it in to add to our challenge!

Additionally, all of the children have now received their class plant. They will be responsible for looking after it and keeping it healthy, so, at the end of the year, each child will have a beautiful plant to take home which they have been solely responsible for.

Next week I'll be sending notes home in their planners with more information about our daily and weekly routines. **Please remember to check their planners daily** for any messages. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask – it's often better to catch me **at the end of the day** when I have slightly more time than in the mornings.

New Governmental Covid Guidelines

The school has recently received updated Covid 19 Guidance from the Government. Please see below;

Close contacts **DO NOT** need to self isolate if they are;

- Younger than 18 years and 6 months
- Double vaccinated
- Part of an approved COVID 19 trial
- Not vaccinated due to medical reasons

This means all children (up to 18 and 6 months), and those staff who are fully vaccinated, can continue to attend school even if they have been identified as close contacts. These close contacts will be strongly advised to take a PCR test.

Contingency plans - Schools will continue to work with public health teams if there is a significant number of cases in a setting. If there is a significant number of cases public health may advise you to temporarily re-introduce face coverings and contingency (outbreak) plans should cover this.

Updated Contingency Framework -The contingency framework for education settings was updated on 17 August 2021 [Managing coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in education and childcare settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/managing-coronavirus-covid-19-in-education-and-childcare-settings). This now includes information on what circumstances might require consideration of additional action and steps to work through.

Thresholds for when advice should be sought from public health and extra action considered - For most education and childcare settings this is as follows, whichever of these thresholds is reached first:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period;
- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

When the thresholds above are reached—When the thresholds are reached schools should review and check their existing testing, hygiene and ventilation measures and may seek additional public health advice which may include additional measures. They should also consider:-

- whether any activities could take place outdoors, including exercise, assemblies, or classes
- ways to improve ventilation indoors, where this would not significantly impact thermal comfort
- one-off enhanced cleaning focussing on touch points and any shared equipment

Possible additional measures set out in the framework (and which should be reflected in contingency plans as a possibility) include additional testing, temporary re-introduction of face coverings, possible limitation on residential visits, live performances, parental visits or transition visits. Shielding can only be reintroduced by national government but contingency plans should take into account this possibility.

2021-22 KEY DIARY DATES



Date	Event
	AUTUMN TERM 2021
October 12th	Parents' evening (Nursery & Year 3) 5pm–7pm
October 14th	Harvest Festival (church)
October 14th	Parents' evening (Nursery & Year 3) 3:30–5pm
October 21st	'Fantastic Friday' - D&T focus
November 9th	Parents' workshop: Phonics (on Microsoft Teams) 6pm
November 23rd	Parents' evening (Y1, Y2, Years 4/5/6) 5pm–7pm
November 25th	Parents' evening (Y1, Y2, Years 4/5/6) 3:30–5pm
December 10th	Christmas dinner and parties
December 16th	Christingle Service (church)
December 16th	'Fantastic Friday' - Charles Dickens
	SPRING TERM 2022
February 9th-11th	Key Stage 2 Residential trip
March 15th	Sports Enhancement Day
March 29th	Parents' Evening (all children) 5pm–7pm
March 31st	Parents' Evening (all children) 3:30pm–5pm
April 7th	Easter service (church)
	SUMMER TERM 2022
July 5th & 7th	Sports Days
July 11th	KS2 play—Macbeth 6pm
July 20th	Leavers' Service