

# Tickford Times

18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Covid-19 Update

We are pleased to report that we have seen sustained improvement in our numbers of positive cases within the school community. At the time of writing, we have just one confirmed case in school and we are happy to have the majority of our pupils and staff well, and back with us again.

Ms Chapman continues to recover at home and reports that she is starting to feel better. We look forward to seeing her back with us after the half-term break. Some of you will be aware that Miss Brookman, one of our Year 4 teachers has also been unwell this week. This was not Covid related and she will also be back in Peridot class after the holiday.

We have received advice from Vicky Head, the Director of Public Health for Milton Keynes Council, to remain cautious after the half-term break, given that infection rates in the local area remain high. As per this guidance, we will not be making any significant changes to our existing precautions in the immediate future. Staff will continue to take twice weekly lateral flow tests and will wear masks in communal areas where it is not possible to social distance.

We await further guidance from the Government around the need to self-isolate when testing positive for Covid-19 and the availability of lateral flow tests, and will update you on any changes that need to be made at the start of the next half-term. In the meantime, we'd like to thank you once again for your continued patience and support and wish you a pleasant half-term break.

## Book Week

We are looking forward to celebrating our Book Week immediately after the half-term break. We'll be planning a range of activities throughout the week to raise the profile of reading across the school. On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – which is World Book Day – children will have the opportunity to dress up as a character from one of their favourite books and we look forward to seeing them all in their wonderful costumes.

You may already have seen that we've prepared a special whole-school half-term holiday challenge for your children to work on. This has been shared on Google Classrooms for Years 1 to 6 and on Class Dojo for children in Foundation Stage. If you are unable to access this, please do let your class teacher know, or get in touch with me. We look forward to seeing your creations!



*Year 1 have been learning how to thread a needle and sew a running stitch. Here are some of the children, proudly sharing their Victorian Samplers.*

## Respect in the Community

One of the best aspects of working in a school like Tickford Park is the sense of community. Even in my short time at the school, I've seen many examples of support from the local community and I am glad that we can foster such good relationships with our neighbours and local businesses.

I've been in conversations this week with some of the residents from the local area and was disappointed to hear that a few of them have been experiencing some trouble as a result of living close to a school.

It has been reported that some pupils, when walking to school, have been cutting across driveways and gardens. In some cases, this has caused damage to flower beds or gardens.

When you are walking to school with your children, please ensure that they do not play in, or take short cuts across gardens or driveways, but rather stick to the pavements. Similarly, if your child walks to and from school on their own, please remind them to do the same, so that we can retain our positive and respectful relationships with those living nearby.

## Friends of Tickford Park

### Cash for Clothes – Tuesday 1st March

Are you having a clear out over the half term?

If yes, please consider donating your unwanted clothes to Friends of Tickford Park Primary School.

Clean and wearable clothes, paired shoes and accessories are accepted, plus lots of other items. Your children have been given a bag to bring home this week, but you can also use your own bags.

Please bring your donations to the school conservatory during Monday 28th February or by 9am on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Thank you for your support!

## Book Fair

As part of our Book Week, we are delighted to welcome the *Travelling Books* Book Fair back into school. This will be set up in Aston Hall on Monday 28th to Thursday 3rd March at 3.10-3.40 each day. Please bring your children into school to browse and buy a book or two, if you are able. You can browse the highlights online before the fair, [using this link](#).

As we are a cashless school, you will pay for books online at the Book Fair using a phone and scanning the QR code displayed in the hall. If you have any difficulty with this, there will be a member of staff on hand to help, or alternatively, a payment can be made on the school's Gateway system. The Book Fair QR code that you will be able to use to purchase books, is displayed below:



In addition to purchasing good books at a reasonable price for your child, every purchase that you make also helps us by providing free books for the school.

If you have any questions about the book fair, please don't hesitate to get in touch by contacting the school office.

