

Tickford Times

28th May 2021

Staying Safe in School

Over the past weeks, we have taken a cautious approach to the lifting of Covid-19 precautions in school. We have decided that we will continue in this vein after the half-term break and, as such, will be making only a small number of relaxations between now and the end of the academic year.

- Classes will no longer be required to be set out in rows, facing the front, but will instead be able to put tables in groups. We are making this change because we believe that this will improve the quality of learning for pupils in school and enable teachers to work more effectively with the children in their classes.
- In line with national guidance, we will be reintroducing singing into our classrooms. These will be fully ventilated with a focus on quality of sound rather than volume.
- As you will be aware, we will be restarting after-school sports clubs. Children attending these clubs will remain in year group bubbles. For any further information about after-school clubs, please contact [Mr Cowper](#), our assistant headteacher.
- In June, we plan to trial assemblies for two year groups. The two bubbles will remain on opposite sides of the hall and will be kept apart throughout the assembly.

All other precautions including timings of the day, wearing of masks at drop-off and collection times and twice-weekly rapid flow tests for staff, will remain in place until the end of the academic year to reduce the risk of infection in our community.

Closure of Year 4 Bubble

Some of you will be aware that it was necessary for us to close our year 4 bubble this week, due to a confirmed case of Covid-19 in this year group. We are pleased to hear that the pupil in question is well, and would like to thank our Year 4 team – staff, pupils and parents – for facilitating and supporting this brief return to home learning.

Children from Year 4 who are presently self-isolating, should continue to do so until 11:59pm on Monday 31st May. We apologise for the error earlier in the week when this date was communicated incorrectly and for any confusion or inconvenience that this may have caused.



Children in Year 1 enjoyed their African Day this week. Thank you to Mrs Djan for all of her efforts in organising such lovely activities.

Friends of Tickford Park

Please don't forget to [get in touch](#) if you can spare some time to get involved with our PTA.

The Friends of Tickford Park will be holding their AGM on Thursday June 10th at 7pm and would love to see some new faces.

Welcome to the Team

We are delighted to welcome Georgia Holmes to our Tickford Park staff team. Miss Holmes joined us this week as a member of the teaching support staff in year 3. Welcome Miss Holmes – we look forward to working with you.

Dojo Superstar



Congratulations to Alyss who last week became the first pupil in the school to reach 750 Dojo Points, earning her green star badge.

Make Friends

The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football

LOVE

Wild CATS

Wild Cats girls football

TIME AND DATE
EVERY SUNDAY (6TH JUNE-20TH JULY) 10-11AM

LOCATION
FAIRFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL - 4G ASTRO - MK11 4BA

NEXT STEPS
Head to thefa.com/WeetabixWildcats to book on to a session, or for more info contact us via: JON.DEWICK@MKDONSET.COM

Focus on Kindness

Over the past couple of weeks, across the school, we've had a focus on kindness. In today's newsletter, we're celebrating a few heroes of kindness from our school community.



Children in Year 1 have been exploring different ways that they can show kindness to others.

In athletics this week, Grace stopped running in her race to help out another competitor who had fallen.



Zachary looked after his friend, Harrison, when he was feeling sad.

Personal Message

This week I was unwell for a few days and unable to work. I'd like to apologise to any parents if I was slower than usual in responding to messages as a result.

I trust that you will join me in thanking Ms Chapman, Mr Cowper and the extended leadership team for ensuring the continued smooth running of the school in my absence.

Half-term Break

The children finish school today for their half-term break and should return to school on the morning of Monday 7th June for the final half-term of the academic year. We look forward to an exciting second half of the Summer term.