



## Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Message from the Headteacher

We have had lots of exciting activities in school this week, from breakfast club making rain clouds, to outdoor maths in Explorer class to Lego coding across the whole school! All children will also be enjoying a specialist PE lesson, delivered by Mr Hopper from Caedmon school, tomorrow.

As is the case in many schools, both locally and nationally, our staffing levels have been unavoidably impacted by the ongoing pandemic, along with the usual seasonal illnesses. We are very fortunate that our staff are incredibly flexible and both Miss Smith and Mr Russell have been moving between Explorer and Adventurer class. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to provide 'like for like' cover but please be assured that we are working closely with our extended staff team to limit the impact of staff absence on pupils. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Have a good weekend.  
Mrs Hird



Congratulations to our 'Stars' of last week

### Attendance

Last week's attendance was **85.4%** well below our whole school target of 97%

### Parent views

All children will be bringing home a parent questionnaire this week. If you need another copy, please contact the school office. We value your opinions and hope that all parents will take the time to note any positives and make suggestions for any improvements, returning your form by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Our parents' evening meetings are planned to take place in February, which will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress. If you have any queries which you would like to discuss in the meantime, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance, via the school office.

### Our week ahead

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January** – All Explorers to come in PE kits (instead of outdoor learning clothes) for a session with Mr Hopper – Adventurers to bring PE kits to school

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January** – Acro afterschool club 3.15-4pm with Jess from Hannah Verity studios. Explorer children to come in PE kits/ Adventurers to have PE kits in school

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January** – Adventurers to have PE kits in school.

Music lessons with Mrs Lillie/ Ukulele lunch club – please bring your instruments from home



**Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19**

This change came into effect in England on Monday 17 January and applies to all positive cases, regardless of vaccination status.

People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature

will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.



**Peat Rigg Years 3 and 4**

Children in years 3 and 4 will be participating in a residential trip to peat rigg on 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April 2022. If you have not yet responded, please follow this link

<https://forms.office.com/r/HmTpgqMayJ>

Payment can now be made via MCAS by monthly instalments or in full – please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding any aspect of this visit.



**Term Dates – 2021/2022**



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**Half Term** - Monday 21 February to Friday  
25 February

**Last day of Spring Term** - Friday 8 April

**First day of Summer Term** - Monday 25  
April

**Bank Holiday** - Monday 2 May

**Half Term** - Monday 30 May to Friday 3  
June

**Last day of Summer Term** - Friday 22 July

**Training days for staff when the children  
will not be in school are as follows:**

Monday 25 July 2022, Tuesday 26 July  
2022