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Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now only a couple of weeks away from the half term break and we have already had a busy start to the term. I just thought I would start by outlining a few of the events that have already taken place this term such as the 'Back to School Discos', Year 6 Residential Meeting, Queen Elizabeth II Day and yesterday we have just seen our Year 6 children leave for the their week at PGL Liddington in perfect weather. I personally cannot wait for more.

Disco

As mentioned above, the school discos returned after a break during the pandemic and what a huge success with over 380 children coming through the doors, that is almost the whole school. FOLVS worked their magic and provided an experience that many of our children had never had before, with others it was only a distant memory of the fun they used to have in school. I would personally like to thank FOLVS and their amazing organisation and hard work, raising £1440 profit for the school. Wow, that is incredible!

School Life

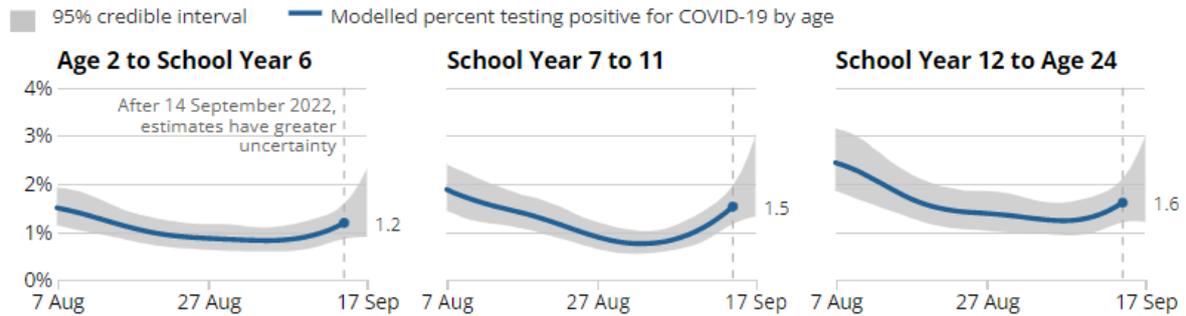
We have been hearing that some of our families have been reporting problems with receiving School Life information, so we have looked into this with School Life to see what might be the cause.

Unfortunately due to Apple releasing an update and it also applies when other providers make changes/upgrades to their systems it can cause issues for an end user, with their phones working before but not once an update has occurred. School Life are part of the development teams with Apple and other providers so they do get to test these upgrades before they are released. If we cannot rectify a problem, parents can contact the School Life team directly from their website to chat about any issues they are experiencing, allowing them to deal with specific problems for that particular end user.

UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)

National Covid Cases (from ONS Infection Survey) - In the week ending 17th September 2022 (always report a week behind), an estimated 1.6% (1 in 65 people) of the population of England

were infected with Covid-19. The trend in infections is continuing to increase in England, up from 1.4% two weeks previously.



e-Bug, operated by the UK Health Security Agency, is a health education programme that aims to promote positive behaviour change among children and young people to support infection prevention and control efforts, and to respond to the global threat of antimicrobial resistance. e-Bug provides free resources for educators, community leaders, parents, and caregivers to educate children and young people and ensure they are able to play their role in preventing infection outbreaks and using antimicrobials appropriately.

<https://ebug.frontend.stg.phedigital.co.uk/home>

The UKHSA also warns of lower levels of natural immunity to flu this year and increased coronavirus (COVID-19) circulation. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is urging everyone eligible for a free flu vaccine and a COVID-19 booster to take up the offer as soon as possible ahead of what could be a difficult winter with respiratory viruses circulating widely. All primary school children and some secondary school children are eligible for the flu nasal spray this year, which is usually given at school. GP surgeries are also inviting children aged 2 and 3 years old (age on 31 August) for this nasal spray vaccination at their practices. There will also be catch up clinics available if your child was not able to have their flu vaccination in school.

Attendance

This is a successful school and your child plays their part in making it so. We aim for an environment which enables and encourages all members of the community to reach out for excellence. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and your child should be at school, on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. It is very important therefore that you make sure that your child attends regularly.

Did you know?

- Pupils only spend 190 days each year in school.
- Pupils who lose time from school do not do as well as they could.

There is never a good time to take children away from lessons, especially when...

- children have important assessments to complete, for example in Reception, Year 1, 2, 4 and 6.
- they move from Early Years to Key Stage 1 and from Key Stage 1 to 2.
- they move to Secondary School (KS3).

It is NOT true...

- that children can have 10 days holiday each school year.
- that they catch up.
- that lessons they miss are repeated at a later date.

It is true that...

If the Headteacher refuses permission, for whatever reason, for your child(ren) to undertake leave in term time (holiday) the school register will record their leave as an 'unauthorised absence'. A 2013 amendment to The Education (Pupil Registration, England) Regulations 2006, means that Headteachers cannot authorise holiday leave during term time.

We have a whole school target of 96% for whole school attendance, this is above the national target of 95%, however, we always aim higher. I will update the whole school and class attendance figures in each of my Headteacher Update Letters.

As much as attendance is a focus, we still require children that are unwell to be kept at home.

Please see the attendance figures below up to 07.10.2022 for all school age children.

Attendance by class	%
Flamingos	97.9
Swans	96.6
Wrens	93.1
Robins	87.0
Pelicans	97.6
Puffins	97.6
Ospreys	92.7
Red Kites	98.0
Barn Owls	98.4
Tawny Owls	94.4
Hawks	95.0
Kestrels	97.0
Buzzards	94.7
Eagles	92.8
Whole School Attendance figure	95.3

Parking

This is a polite request that parents and carers park considerately when parking near to the school. It has been highlighted many times by residents and families about the dangers created by the parking on the road and on the zig zag lines. We need to ensure the safety of all our children and families. Thank you for thinking about where and how you park in the future.

Swimming

The local Bicester schools have all been asked by the Bicester Leisure Centre to send out the message below regarding the filming and photography of children in their swimming lessons. I have confirmed with the swimming pool staff that the times listed below were not however linked to Langford children or parents.

"Please can we request that a reminder is set out to all of your parents reminding them that photography/videoing of swimming lessons is prohibited. We have had 3 separate incidents this week where parents have been spotted attempting to film/photograph their children whilst in the pool. Members of our team have spoken to the parents involved regarding this however your support in this matter is appreciated."

Parents evening

We are currently working on confirming the dates for a parents' evening review for after the half term break, so please keep an eye out for the information following shortly. We will confirm nearer to the time if this can be a face to face or will have to be a virtual meeting.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the continued support for the school and I will continue to send out a Headteacher's Update at the beginning of the week every fortnight.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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