

News from the Federation 8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers.

You may have seen in the news yesterday that schools in Cambridgeshire are being advised to bring back some of the precautionary measures we had in place last year this is as a result of an increase in the number of children having positive PCR tests in our region. We have been asked to implement the following advice.

The advice covers the next three weeks until half term and includes:

- **Secondary schools reintroduce face coverings in communal spaces, but not in classrooms. Primary school staff may wish to consider the same arrangements**
- **Social distancing for staff within school buildings, including in shared spaces such as staff rooms. It is also recommended that staff meetings are held virtually if possible**
- **All visitors to schools must wear face coverings in school buildings**
- **All non-essential events where parents visit schools are moved to virtual**
- **Secondary schools should promote and monitor uptake of twice weekly LFD testing and Covid-19 vaccinations for all staff and pupils. Primary school staff should also be doing this and staff need to be reminded of its importance.**

Jonathan Lewis, director of education for Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, said: "Our aim at all times is to keep schools open and to continue normal education wherever we can. That is why we are recommending these measures to protect more vulnerable pupils and staff from contracting the virus and also potentially taking it home to others. (Cambridge Independent)

The cases recorded across the federation have been relatively low. We continue to ask families, where a child may be symptomatic, to get a PCR test. Test and trace are now responsible for contacting close contacts.

We will also not be able to have "open classrooms" next week at Fawcett. We will ensure that these events occur as soon as the current advice and guidance changes. We are also asking all parents and carers to maintain social distancing when on the school premises.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff across the federation, who have worked so hard to ensure that the return to school this year has been successful and safe. By taking these precautions now we can ensure that our schools stay open and we continue to keep our community safe.

Thank you in anticipation of your ongoing support.

Applications for Secondary Schools

The closing date for on time applications for transferring from Primary to Secondary school (Years 6 – 7) closes on the 31st October 2021 and is fast approaching.

Applications to Secondary School for 2022-2023 must be submitted by the 31st October and all on time applications will receive a school allocation on the National Offer date of the 1st March 2022. Parents who do not submit their application on time will need to complete a late application form that will be available on our website on the 1st November and will be considered in the next round of allocations on the 27th April 2022.

Please remember that if your home address is not in Cambridgeshire, you must apply to your home local authority (where you pay your Council Tax to).

Please ensure that you apply for a Secondary School place for your child by the end of October

Welcome Event

We were planning to have a welcome event for all at the Federation at the end of this half term however, this will now be postponed to next half term or as soon as the Covid situation improves.

Term Dates

Half Term:

Monday 25th October
2021 to Friday 29th
October 2021

Ends: Friday 17th
December 2021

Christmas Holidays:

Monday 20th December
2021 to Monday 3rd
January 2022

Inset Day – Schools Closed

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Accelerated Reader

Calling all Y2-Y6 parents. Our website is now up to date and is available to support you and your child/ren with our brand new reading programme, Accelerated Reader. Your children will be able to access all of the links they need here in addition to via Google Classroom. Please do take a look and contact your child's class teacher should you have any further questions. Happy reading!

Cycling on footpath and playground

Can we request that all cyclist dismount their bicycles when using the paths leading to the school to avoid any risk of accident.

Trumpington Meadows Newsletter

8th October 2021



Read, Read, Read!

It has been lovely to see so many parents coming into school for our Open Classroom events this week to take a look at some of the fantastic work taking place every day and to visit the book fair. Thank you to all parents who have supported the events and to our fantastic librarians and Year 6 leaders who helped make them run! We will be promoting reading throughout the year, especially with the launch of Accelerated Reader, so please do read as often as possible with your child and talk to them about what they are reading – every child should have a book on the go!

The recent letters from Miss O’Toole should have all the information you need regarding Accelerated Reader (for children in Years 2-6). Do contact your child’s class teacher if you have any queries.



Upcoming Events

Monday 11th October
Year 4 Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 12th October
Year 4 Time Capsule Burial

Friday 15th October
Year 6 Trip to Duxford

Tuesday 19th October
Flu Jabs (Reception to Y6)

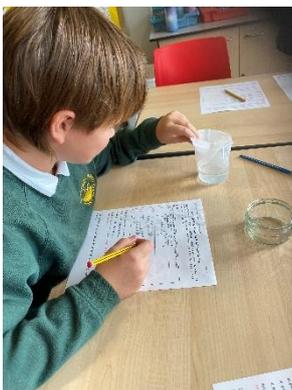
Wednesday 20th October
Year 4 Trip to Fitzwilliam Museum

Poster Competition!

BPHA have invited all our pupils to enter a poster design competition to promote recycling, with the winning design being put on signs around Trumpington! All children are welcome to enter and should create a design, on A4 paper, that uses the words ‘**Reduce, Repair and Recycle**’. Be as colourful and creative as possible! All designs can be handed to Mr Monro – there are prizes for the best entries! Deadline for entries is the 3rd November.

Super Solutions!

Year 5 have been busy in Science this week exploring changes in state and investigating whether a mixture can be separated. This has included extracting salt using filtration paper and making some very strong coffee! From this, the class have been using their scientific enquiry skills to record their findings and draw some conclusions.



Over the past few weeks, the Year 6s have applied for and then been interviewed for their special responsibilities. They all did a fantastic job at explaining why they felt they were suitable for different positions and outlining their aspirations for the future. Congratulations to Irene and Oscar who have been appointed as Head Girl and Head Boy for this academic year!

