

# **NEWSLETTER 14**

7 January 2022

WIMBORNE Academy Trust

'Let us love one another, for love comes from God' 1 John 4:7

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back!

As you know, one of my favourite parts of the day is standing at the school gate and welcoming all of our children and parents into school. Yes, even on a rainy morning like today! This week children have been excited to return and it was wonderful to see big smiles on their faces.



The children have come back to school happy, settled and ready to learn. New topics have been introduced in each year group and the children's enthusiasm continues to amaze me. During Worship this week, I began to introduce our half term value of community, linking it to our HeartSmart High Five saying 'Too Much Selfie isn't Healthy!'. We thought about how individually we are one in a million but so is everyone else on Earth.



'Too Much Selfie isn't Healthy!' is about how we can open ourselves up to and look out for the people around us. We have launched an #Unselfie Challenge for the month of January. I have challenged the children to watch out for their classmates making #Unselfie decisions. When they spot someone doing something kind or #Unselfie we've asked them to write about it on a #Unselfie slip of paper.

#### **COVID** Update

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances. You can now test on day 6 then 24 hours later on day 7. If both these results are negative, then your child can return to school. Below is a flowchart to help.

Please also note that children under 18 years and 6 month who have been identified as a close contact of a confirmed positive case no longer require a PCR. However, for anyone aged 5 years and over it is now strongly advised to take a rapid lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days. If any of these LFD tests are positive you should self-isolate in order to protect other people.

Thank you for your continued support and keeping us updated on family circumstances.

Yours sincerely

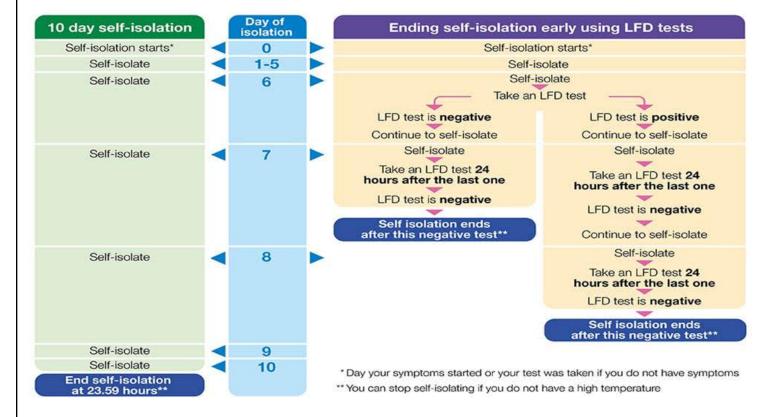
Miss A Dufek Headteacher

## Pupil Voice

This week our Rights Respecting Ambassadors, Edie and Camille, counted all of our St John's Values Tokens from the Autumn term. A total of 540 tokens were shared between the children with our value of Friendship receiving over half the total amount - 281.



## Covid Flowchart (Positive PCR self-isolation)



#### Half Term Value

Throughout this half term we will be reading and listening to Bible stories that illustrate community.



'Live in harmony with one another.' - Romans 12.16

#### What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should organise for your child to have a PCR test via the NHS online portal or by calling 119.

#### Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

## Safeguarding and Online Safety

If you have any serious concerns about a child, particularly if you think they may be suffering or at risk of suffering harm, please share this information promptly with the Designated Safeguarding Lead Team. If you have a concern about a child outside of school hours please contact the following Local Authority out of hours services:

Dorset ChAD - 01305 228866

Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) - 01202 738256

We are an Operation Encompass school. To find out more, please follow the link here



# Dates for your diary

### January

Wednesday 12th January - Reception Class Vision Screening Monday 17th January - Forest School starts for Reception class



# February

Thursday 3rd February - Life Education visit Friday 4th February - Life Education visit Friday 18th February - Last Day Monday 28th February - Return to school

Half Term - Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February