



Friday 26th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

With just over a week to go until the return of all pupils to school, I am using this weeks newsletter to update you about the arrangements for pupils return on Monday 8th March. This letter will be the main source of information ready for the return of pupils to school. If you do have any questions, please do get in touch. As a school we are really looking forward to seeing everyone again. The last time that all pupils were in school was on Friday 18th December which, by the time that children return to school, it will have been a gap of 11 weeks!

Pupils will continue to be taught in bubbles and the bubble structure will remain as it was in the Autumn term. This structure limits the number of contacts that children and adults make and in the event of a positive infection, reduces the number of potential contacts.

Accessing School

We will be continuing to operate the one way system for dropping and collecting children from school. Please enter the school grounds via the Children's Centre and exit by the Community Centre. The time for drop-off and collection remain the same as in the Autumn term. The system for siblings remains the same –come at the earlier time.

Drop off times:

- EYFS bubble: 8.45-8.50am- this includes AM Nursery Children
- Year 1/2 bubble: 9.05-9.10am
- Year 2 bubble: 9.05-9.10am
- Year 3 bubble: Mrs Bullock 8.55-9.00am
- Year 4 bubble: Mrs Turner and Mrs Atkinson 8.55-9.00am
- Year 5 bubble: 8.45-8.50am
- Year 6 bubble: 8.45-8.50am

Collection times:

- Nursery pupils finishing at lunchtime: Nursery gate 12.00pm
- EYFS bubble: 3.00-3.05pm this includes PM Nursery Children
- Year 1/2 bubble: 3.15-3.20pm
- Year 2 bubble: 3.15-3.20pm
- Year 3 bubble: Mrs Bullock 3.10-3.15pm
- Year 4 bubble: Mrs Turner and Mrs Atkinson 3.10-3.15pm
- Year 5 bubble: 3.05 -3.10pm
- Year 6 bubble: 3.05 -3.10pm

Please stick carefully to the timings outlined above. These are designed to try and stagger the number of people accessing the site at the same time and to try and reduce possible transition. As before the holidays, please wear a facemask when coming on to the school site. When dropping off or collecting your child please can **only 1** parent/ carer do this –again limiting numbers. If you are waiting for a gate to be opened please make sure that you use the markers that are painted on to the ground to maintain social distancing. Also avoid gathering by the entrance or exit points of the school. The bike and scooter park will remain closed –please do not bring them in to school. Pupils in Key Stage 2 that have parental permission to walk home alone from school will be able to do this from Monday 8th March.

Children will be expected to return to school in full school uniform. When it is your child's PE day they can come to school in their PE kit. Please also can children bring the essential items for a day at school e.g. packed lunch, coat, glasses etc. Please can anything unnecessary not be brought in to school. Primary aged children do not need to wear face masks

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If you have been given a loan of a school laptop. **Please return these to school from Monday 8th March.** These will need to be prepared ready in the event of further bubble closures. Laptops must be returned directly to the school office.

As you would expect all families **must** work with the school to reduce spread of infection. This includes self isolating where a child or family member has any of the recognised symptoms of coronavirus, participating in test and trace and informing the school at the **earliest** possible opportunity of any test result.

If there is a situation where you are unable to access a test (following identification of recognized coronavirus symptoms) please speak to a member of the office staff. We do have a small number of test kits that in some circumstances we can give to families.

Can I remind everyone that if your child is Extremely Critically Vulnerable and has received a shielding letter they should not attend school. If this affects you then please contact the school office at the earliest opportunity. All other pupils can attend school.

If school is not open e.g. at weekends or during a holiday and your child tests positive for coronavirus please inform the school at the earliest opportunity. To do this please send an email to:

covidalert@thirsk-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk This email address is monitored when school is closed.

Remote Learning Champions of the week:

The Big Top 3!

No.1 Reception -94%

No.2 Year 6 -90%

No.3 1/2B -89%



The Hive

Well-Being Wednesday

1. Go to your wardrobe and find all the clothes and accessories that you love to wear! Put on as many as you can. Strike a pose and take a photograph!

2. Using the photograph from activity 1, draw or paint the picture of you in your awesome outfit!

3. Look at the photograph and picture from activity 1 and 2. Talk to your family about why you chose the items you did. Is it because of the colour, what it has on it, or how it makes you feel? Ask your adult to write down the words you use to add to your picture.

silly bright fluffy fun cute sparkles

4. Play your favourite song and sing along as loud as you can!

5. Make up a dance routine for your favourite song! Can you teach it to someone in your family?

6. Build a comfy and cosy reading den. You could use material and pegs, cushions or towels.

7. Make six quart stations, each one with a different movement or exercise: for example star jumps or stretches. How many can you do at each station?

8. Design an indoor or outdoor obstacle course, one that you must travel under, over and through!

9. Relax and thank a community hero. The someone that helps you in some way and a picture or write a short letter to thank them. They could be a key worker who has helped you during the pandemic, such as postal worker or delivery person, a doctor or nurse, or a supermarket staff member.

I thank you to my mum and dad for helping me stay safe and happy and making me do my school work.

Household Items Treasure Hunt

Look around your house to find items that solve the clues. Draw the items in the boxes. Will everyone in your house find the same things? Can you find something different? Can you find and draw...?

something yellow 	something square 	something that is the number 5
something that is a sphere 	something that is blue 	something that is taller than you
something that is taller than you 	something that is a cube 	something that shows the number 10
two things that are cylinders 	three things that are the same 	four things that are smaller than your hand

Other items shown include a pink heart-shaped cushion, a purple sweater, a blue toy dinosaur, a pink toy car, and various household objects like a mirror, a bowl, and a box.



Parts of the eye	Function
eye lid	Protects the eye and spreads tears to keep the eye moist and clean.
iris	Coloured part of the eye.
pupil	Dark opening in the iris which allows light to enter the eye.
sclera	White part of the eye.
lacrimal duct	Drains the tears that keep the eye moist and clean.
conjunctiva	Clear, moist outer covering of the eye.
cornea	Part of the clear conjunctiva that covers the iris and pupil.
optician	Carries electrical signals to the brain.
anterior chamber	Small space between the cornea and iris.
lens	Focuses on the object by getting thicker or thinner.
ciliary muscle	Makes the lens thicker or thinner.
vitreous jelly	Clear substance that supports the shape of the eye.
retina	The inside lining of the back of the eye that changes light waves into electrical signals.

5b. Donna has completed the following calculation.

$$4 \frac{3}{5} + \frac{19}{10} = 6 \frac{1}{2}$$



Is she correct?
Explain how you know.

Year 5 & 6

