



# The Rivermead Round-Up

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents/Carers

### **LFT pop up testing and information site**

We have received the following information from WBC, which they wanted us to share with parents/carers of Rivermead:

*In order to provide your communities with further support in managing Covid Infection and Transmission we have arranged for a special asymptomatic testing and information session to be held at*

***Woodley Library on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 1.45-4.30pm Pop Up Lateral Flow Testing***

*This pop up event will be staffed by our WBC Asymptomatic Testing team, parents and wider family members can come along on the way to pick up children or after school and drop in to the library where staff will be on hand to demonstrate how to undertake swabbing, complete tests and also help with understanding how postal tests may be ordered and how to navigate the NHS booking website.*

*Free packs of home Lateral Flow testing kits will also be available to collect so that families can stock up in readiness for staying safe as they plan their festive socialising.*

### **Learning & Teaching across the school**

It has been a very busy week for the children and the staff. Below is some brief information from the week by the Team Leaders/representatives from the team:

#### **EYFS (Miss Hathaway)**

EYFS: This week in EYFS we have continued our birthday topic by writing shopping lists of items we would like to buy for our party. The children then created a birthday party in the role play area after 'purchasing' their items. We have developed our maths skills by adding candles on birthday cakes and solved addition problems with balloons. The children have loved making birthday cards for their friends and decorating birthday crowns in our creative area. We have also practised singing our months of the year and days of the week songs and added actions.

#### **Year 1 & Year 2 (Miss Henly & Mrs Webb)**

Year 1: This week in Year 1 we have continued looking at the properties of materials and discussing which materials have similar properties. We have used our knowledge of greater than, less than and equal to, when comparing two number sentences and have continued to develop our understanding of the symbols that represent these. The children have got very excited about starting to film the sharing assemblies for you to see.

Year 2: Year 2 have had another fantastic week! In maths we have continued to learn about money. We have identified coins and notes, investigated different ways of making amounts and compared amounts of money using the greater than and less than symbols. We continued our history topic and learned about how Reading has changed throughout the years and about the companies that helped put Reading on the map. Finally, on Wednesday we went on a trip to the Reading Museum to learn all about Huntley and Palmers. We had a brilliant time, learned lots of new information and the children's behaviour was exemplary, we couldn't be more proud of them.

#### **Reading Museum Trip:**

On Wednesday, Year 2 went on a trip to the Reading Museum. The trip was a great success and the children had a brilliant time. Each class had the opportunity to attend a session about the very famous biscuit company 'Huntley and Palmers'. The children learnt about how the company grew from a single store to an international company and the biggest seller of biscuits at the time. To bring the learning to life, each child had the chance to handle real artefacts from the Victorian times and to dress up as people who would have worked in the factory. Each class then had time to explore the rest of the museum, learning about Reading throughout history and right up to the current day. We were so impressed with the attitude and behaviour of every child who attended; they really represented Rivermead well.

Thank you to all of the staff who were involved in the trip: Miss Henly, Miss Finn, Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Green, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Bell, Mrs Twine, Mrs Naveed, Mrs Green, Mrs Terry and Mrs Lloyd.

#### **Year 3 & Year 4 (Mr Rumble)**

Year 3: this week we have sadly waved goodbye to Mrs Hawken, our recorder teacher. We filmed a concert for the parents which will be uploaded to the OneDrive with our sharing assemblies very soon. Additionally, we have been completing our hot write warning stories where a character is warned about a recognisable place

in Woodley but ends up in danger because they ignore the warning. In maths, we have continued to work on our addition and subtraction skills, where we have learnt checking strategies and how to solve problems using bar models. In the afternoons, we have had PE with Miss Rowse and Mr Rumble, continued with our geography topic related to Woodley and developed our computing skills.

Year 4: have had a very unusual week this week, but both Miss Finch and Miss Green have enjoyed their first day of remote learning and hope all the children did too. They have been really impressed with your mature attitudes and how hard you have been working. The teachers were very impressed with their whole class book talk during online learning where they heard some excellent predictions and use of new vocabulary. Earlier in the week, both classes enjoyed discovering new strategies and spotting patterns to help us with their times tables and improving their coding skills on the computers.

#### **Year 5 & Year 6 (Miss Southerton & Miss Beale)**

Year 5: have loved being authors and choosing their own topics that they are interested in to write a non-chronological report about. We have also enjoyed learning a few songs to help us with our learning such as the multiples song and the parenthesis song!

Year 6: have really enjoyed exploring what makes us who we are and what things we love about ourselves. We've enjoyed completing two positivity activities: one where we were inspired by our Book Talk book Wonder and another book Sulwe to explore our identity and the other which looked at a specific part of ourselves that we loved and explained why. The children created such wonderful pieces of art and writing that they're excited to share in our upcoming sharing assembly.

## **CORONAVIRUS**

### **Whole school safety measures**

As you are from the letter sent out on Wednesday, we have had outbreaks in Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 this week. Below is a reminder of the measures that will be in place through to the end of term. Many of them you are aware of, however we have re-introduced some new measures:

- The children will continue to operate in 'year group bubbles' when in class.
- The children will continue to have break and lunch time in 'year group bubbles', but they will be separated in the playground from other year groups through zoning the playground.
- The children in KS2 will return to having lunch in their classrooms, not the school hall
- The children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a timetabled slot to have their lunch in the school hall with their year group only.
- The drop off window from 8.40am to 8.50am will continue.
- We are bringing back the **pick-up window** – children will be able to be **collected between 3.05pm and 3.15pm – this is for all year groups.**
- We will continue to ensure our staff and children practice good hygiene & will continue to provide hand sanitiser for children & staff in the classrooms (children can bring in their own moisture hand cream if they wish).
- Continue to remind the children of the importance of "catch it, bin it, kill it".
- Continue to ensure the classrooms, learning areas, offices etc are well ventilated.
- CO2 monitors have been received from the DfE and are in each classroom.
- Continue to work closely with our cleaning company to ensure additional attention is paid to high-risk areas daily.
- We will re-introduce safety measures into the Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club, to reduce further the mixing of year groups.
- On-line remote learning will continue to be up-to-date and available on the OneDrive, for any child that is self-isolating due to being positive, awaiting a test result or through a family member testing positive and they are awaiting to have a PCR test/receive results. Any concerns accessing the learning, please contact the school office and a member of staff will support you. The expectation is for the child/children self-isolating to access the remote on-line learning.
- All staff to continue to take LFT tests regularly throughout the week.

### **Safety measures from parents:**

- Requesting parents/carers to wear face coverings while on the school site - in the playground or in the school building.

We appreciate that some parents/carers do not wear a face mask for a variety of reasons. However, we would like all parents/carers to wear a face covering when on school site. We have seen this half term, how quickly COVID can spread, and research shows the wearing of a face covering does reduce the spread. Staff have been instructed not to talk with a parent/carer without a face covering, a phone call will have to be made later in the day if a conversation is needed. Wearing a face covering supports us all in keeping safe.

- We request parents/carers do not congregate on the playground, and leave the grounds promptly.
- Children to stay at home while waiting for a PCR test to return
- When a sibling has tested positive, keep other siblings at home & for them to get a PCR test from day 3 of their sibling's test result – when a test returns negative, they can return to school.
- Encouraging all members of our community to isolate and book a [PCR test](#) should they develop symptoms of the virus

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Brian Prebble



## Achievements

Please forward details to Ms Sloan ([csloan@rivermead.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:csloan@rivermead.wokingham.sch.uk)) of your child's achievements in their activities outside of school for inclusion in future editions of the Round Up. This week we would like to say well done to the following children:

Amelie

Congo has successfully auditioned and been given a part in the Wokingham Pantomime of Snow White this Christmas! Well done Amelie! If you would like to buy tickets to the pantomime, please see link below:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wokingham-pantomime>



## EYFS Growth Mind Set Ladder

We are pleased to mention the following children in EYFS who have tried their best, worked hard and reached the number 10 Growth Mind Set Ladder.

### Loddon

Dolly  
Izabella  
Olivia  
Szymon  
Rafferty  
Ella  
Callista  
Lawrence  
Lyla

### Dun

Ruhaan  
Jasmine  
George  
Laveya  
Jessica  
Jay  
Alfie  
Lara  
Elsie  
Varsha

Arlo  
Noah

Congratulations to our EYFS children who have managed to read more than the expected 5 times a week last week. They will be receiving their certificates this week.



## This week's Special Book

We are pleased to mention the following children who have worked hard and have achieved a place in our Special Book:

### Yellow Team's Special Book

Kit	Emmbrook	for impressing Mrs O'Connor with his super writing in phonics
Freddie.O	Hart	for impressing adults with his inquisitive nature and maturity during our trip to the Reading museum!
Sylvie	Kennet	for always being polite and kind to others
Zarah	Thames	for her enthusiasm on our history trip! You asked so many fantastic questions and listened so carefully to the group leader. Well done, Zarah

### Red Team's Special Book

Albe	Avon	for writing an incredible, engaging and descriptive warning story
Ollie	Mersey	has shown extra enthusiasm with his learning this week, particularly in computing and with his handwriting! Well done! 😊
Jai	Severn	for trying really hard to include warning story features into his hot write independently 😊
Alfie.L	Trent	for contributing some fantastic ideas during online learning and explaining his reasoning really well

### Orange Team's special book

Phoebe	Amazon	for writing an incredible paragraph celebrating the best part of her in PSHE this week. It was brilliantly written and such a wonderful thing to want to celebrate! Well done!
All of Congo class	Congo	for being so amazing with preparing for home learning and for remaining really calm throughout 😊
Adeola	Nile	for always trying her best with her learning and for always volunteering to hand out the reading records at the end of the day – thanks for being so helpful! 😊
Aiden	Yangtze	You have really impressed us all this week especially in English and PSHE where you have confidently shared your ideas with the class and produced some excellent pieces of work 😊



### Attendance Class Cup

The class cup is awarded to the class with the highest attendance each week.  
We will resume this again soon.

## Letters sent home

Nasal flu vaccination letter	Please ensure to give consent/non consent by Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November.

## - Notices -

### Reminder

We are a nut free school. Please avoid sending your child into school with any food that may contain nuts e.g. Nutella, peanut butter

### Wool for Breakfast club

The children in breakfast club are currently making baubles out of wool. If you have any spare wool that you would like to donate to the school, this would be much appreciated. Please drop any donations to the school office and they can pass this on.  
Thank you!



## 2021-2022 Diary Dates

(Please note these are subject to change)

Information and details will be sent closer to the time regarding the various events during the term

Date	Event	Notes
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	New date for dress down day	Donations for the Christmas fair
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Nasal flu vaccinations	Please register your consent/non consent by Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Prospective parent tour	10.30 & 1.30
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Prospective parent tour	10.30 & 1.30
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner and jumper day	Dinner available to order on Scopay
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term	1.30pm finish
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Mini Christmas fair	From 1.30pm onwards