

Headteacher's news: school closure week 6

In my opinion, the half term we have just finished is the hardest of all the terms in the academic year. This is because it follows a period of festivities; it contains 'blue Monday'; the mornings and evenings remain dark; and the weather can be far from pleasant. Add into the mix the Covid-19 school closure (and the snow school closures we have had) and I hope you will forgive me and my staff as we breathe a huge sigh of relief at the end of today. I think we will all benefit from the respite that the half term holidays will bring.

I thought you might appreciate the latest update on the situation with Covid-19 in Leeds and so have copied and pasted these details from the LA below. These statistics are as a result of the whole school community working together and so I extend my thanks to everyone for your part in this:

'On Saturday (6.2.21), the overall 7 day average rolling case rate was down to 219.4 per 100,000 which is a 16% reduction in the last 7 days. The positivity rate (the number of people who test positive out of all people taking a test) is down to 9.5%. Obviously, we must still continue to implement control measures to restrict transmission but it is encouraging to see that all the measures you have put in place in your schools and the work you are doing to educate children remotely is contributing to a fall in cases.'

Continuing with the remote education theme, we have enjoyed supporting a number of families this week with getting to grips with Teams. If you need additional support accessing and uploading assignments, please do not hesitate to contact us and we can invite you in for a socially distanced tutorial. The DfE have announced that additional laptops will be made available soon. If you are struggling with devices in the home and would benefit from loaning a laptop from school then please let us know.

Take care and stay safe.

Please click on your child's class below to read a message from your class teacher and get the links to home learning for w.b. 22 February.

[Nursery](#) [Reception](#) [Y1 Pear](#) [Y1/2 Lime](#) [Y2 Cherry](#)

[Y3 Willow](#) [Y3/4 Cedar](#) [Y4 Beech](#)

[Y5 Oak](#) [Y5/6 Ash](#) [Y6 Maple](#)

ART EXHIBITION

We have signed up to an online art exhibition this year run by the Royal Academy of Arts and we would like as many of you as possible to get involved. [Read on here](#) to find out more...



WhatsApp - online etiquette and safety: IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Children: you must use appropriate language and you must not share inappropriate content when using communication and messaging Apps. [Click here](#) for more guidance on online safety for children.

Parents: you must provide the correct guidance and supervise your child's mobile phone usage at all times. [Click here](#) for more guidance on online safety for parents - including using WhatsApp.

Managing positive COVID-19 cases over the half term holidays.

During the holidays, test and trace procedures for the pupils and staff in school will continue. If your child tests positive for Covid-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours since last being in school, you must tell us. Please email the office marked FAO Mr. Cooke. This email will be checked daily before 09:00. Early contact is essential: if your child has developed symptoms and is being tested then please let us know immediately.

Dates for the diary

12 Feb: School closes today

22 Feb: School opens to critical worker and vulnerable pupils for Spring 2