

Headteacher's news:

The Government's decision to extend the Step 3 restrictions has impacted on the end of year plans for many schools. On Wednesday, I was very disappointed to have had to cancel our new reception parents' meeting and I have also had to make further changes to the transition visits for these children who are starting school in September. The Schools Health, Safety & Wellbeing Team updated the risk assessment in response to the extension of the road map and I have now uploaded it to the website. The main additions relate to transition (see p.49) and a whole new section from p.55 onwards related to indoor and outdoor events. Please [click here to read these changes](#).

We need to remain vigilant and stick to the school rules that we have all been following since we reopened all those weeks ago in March. There are cases of Covid-19 in the school community (and in other schools in the locality) and the Y4 Beech bubble closure this week reminds us of this. In other areas of Leeds, where there are sharp rises in cases, enhanced testing has been introduced to help get on top of the situation.

We have got a lot to get through in the next 4 weeks of term but we are determined to make this time as enjoyable for the children as possible. Events such as the Summer Fun Day and Sports Day will be held behind closed doors for obvious reasons but will contribute to what we hope will be a memorable end to the school year.

Have a good weekend.

Delta Variant Symptoms: a message from Leeds

The Delta variant of Covid-19 is now the most prevalent form of the virus in Leeds and scientific studies have highlighted that a headache, sore throat and runny nose are now the most common symptoms of the Delta variant, instead of a cough and loss of smell, although fever is still common. There are currently no plans to update the list of symptoms in the schools' guidance that would trigger the need for staff or students to seek a test. However, PHE colleagues have said anyone who suspects they may have Covid due to displaying any of the symptoms related to the Delta or earlier variants, should be encouraged to seek a test.

Click below to see what has been happening in your child's class this week:

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

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

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

In assemblies this week...we talked about the enjoyment and dangers of water as well as other ways to keep ourselves safe during the summer - a time when children are out and about enjoying the great outdoors. This theme was guided by the fact that it was drowning prevention week. Whilst it is not the most 'cheery' of subjects to talk about, I wonder if the children have remembered what to do if they got into difficulties in cold water. Why not ask them!

Packed lunch policy reminder: On the whole, we have seen good improvements to the content of packed lunches this week and I have been showing the children the contents of my lunch to help generate discussions around alternatives to crisps and chocolate.



Please view the [packed lunch policy here](#) if you need a reminder of what is and is not allowed. Next week, we will be following this policy with more rigour and we will ask pupils to leave any food items (not in our policy) and for these to be taken back home. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Dates for the diary

Mon 28 June: Teacher Training Day - school will be closed on Monday to all pupils. See you on Tuesday!

Fri 2 July: [Summer Fun Day](#)

Wed 7 July: Sports Day (no spectators)

Fri 9 July: Children to meet their new teacher 9:00-10:30

Mon 19 July: Infant Disco

Wed 21 July: KS2 Disco