

Friday 13th November

School Update

We have now completed two weeks into the seven-week half term. I am pleased to inform you that there have been no positive cases of Covid-19 in school of children or staff members. We know that there are an increasing number of parents who have tested positive for Covid-19 and that their children are isolating at home. We thank these parents for communicating directly with us on this. Please remember that we will monitor the headteacher@daneroyd.wakefield.sch.uk mailbox on evenings and weekends in case parents need to inform us of a positive case. Please use this e-mail to share all outcomes of tests taken.

A reminder that home learning is accessed online at <https://www.daneroyd.com/home-learning-eyfs> for EYFS children or <https://www.daneroyd.com/home-learning> for Key Stage 1 and 2 children. All children have had a paper copy of the home learning guide.

The increase of Covid-19 is impacting on staff in schools across the country. This can be through staff awaiting test results, testing positive, self-isolating due to track and trace, through childcare requirements as their own children have a bubble closed at their school or through being identified as Extremely Clinically Vulnerable (ECV). We know that this will cause disruption to our 'normal' working arrangements, we do not receive any additional funding from the government to replace staff who are off work through Covid-19 related reasons. Where staffing changes in a class, we ask that parents understand that these measures are necessary and I personally thank all my staff who are stepping up and into different roles to support our children.

A huge thank you to the response to our Children in Need fundraising today. It is lovely to see the children dressed in their own clothes as well as a great effort from staff. Please have a look at your class Twitter feed to see all our fabulous photos.

More fun is to be had on Monday 16th November, where children and staff are invited to wear odd socks to school to launch Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day allows us to share an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying. Odd Socks Day helps us to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. We will be teaching children about the impact of bullying and how to stand up to bullies during lesson time next week.

The school has requested that the Feeding Hungry Minds ordering website be updated to reflect the Christmas meal menu offer for 11th December. Please look out for this update so you can book your child a Christmas meal.

Parents may be interested to know that we are continuing to deliver whole school assemblies via a pre-recorded video for upper and lower school. Our Senior Leadership Team take it in turns to record assemblies that include celebrating the Stars of the Week as well as sharing school information and delivering key messages. Delivering assemblies this way allows us to maintain the integrity of our bubbles in school. We are also continuing to take lunch in the classrooms and have dedicated lunchtime assistants for each class. We are minimising the number of adult contacts each bubble has.

Have a lovely weekend.