



## Diary Dates

**Thursday 30 September**

'Warrior Princess' fundraiser day

**Monday 4 October**

Flu Vaccinations Reception—Year 6

**Wednesday 6 October**

Reception group to visit Staveley Court

**Friday 8 October**

World Mental Health Day

Drop Everything and Read Day



**Monday 1 November**

School re-opens after October half term

**Tuesday 2 November**

Whole School Photos

**Friday 17 December**

School closes for Christmas holidays

**Tuesday 4 January**

School re-opens after Christmas holidays

### Attendance for the last 3 weeks is as follows:

w/c 6 September 2021	
Reception	88.5%
Year 1	93.9%
Year 2	93.1%
Year 3	92.5%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	91.4%
Year 6	95.2%

w/c 13 September 2021	
Reception	83.4%
Year 1	91.4%
Year 2	93.9%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	90.2%

w/c 20 September 2021	
Reception	85.7%
Year 1	89.6%
Year 2	93.5%
Year 3	95.9%
Year 4	90.8%
Year 5	91.8%
Year 6	93.0%



# NEWSLETTER

23 September 2021

## Headteacher's Message

Well, we are now three weeks in to the new academic year and I cannot tell you how wonderful it is to be able to bring school together again! I never thought I'd actually look *forward* to leading an assembly, but seeing all the children together in one space for the first time in almost a year and a half was a very special moment.

The children have returned to school with a great attitude to learning. They are working extremely hard and we are seeing some fantastic work being produced around school.



That said, we are all missing one special little girl. Many of you are already aware that Bella in Year 1 was diagnosed with leukemia towards the end of the Summer holidays and is currently bravely undergoing an intensive treatment programme. A fundraising event is taking place in the community this weekend and further details are on the poster on the right.

Next Thursday (30 September) we will be holding our own whole school fundraising event, which Bella's brother Stephen has named '**Warrior Princess Day**'.

Bella is the queen of designing and building obstacle courses and so next Thursday all pupils will complete an obstacle course during PE. Furthermore, every pupil in school will create a heart to collectively form part of a display in school which will remain in place until Bella is well enough to return to school.

We are also inviting all pupils and staff to wear red (from one red accessory to a full outfit—anything goes!) and pupils are invited to bring a donation of any amount. Thank you for your support.





## Attendance and Updated Government Guidance

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:  
 a high temperature  
 a new, continuous cough  
 a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

**Any child experiencing symptoms must not attend school until a negative PCR result is obtained (or the child has self-isolated for 10 days)**

Since 19 July schools are no longer required to conduct track and trace in order to identify close contacts. Instead, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal.

They do not need to wear a face covering within the school, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.