

Oaklands Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back from our Half Term break

I hope you all had a lovely half term, following so many positive Covid cases in school in the week leading to half term. Not the start that we wanted for half term and an extra special thank you to our Y6 families who collected their children unexpectedly during the morning of the last day, due to a rise in numbers that morning. Many thanks to all our families who followed advice to book PCR tests for their children and for the many who have continued lateral flow testing before returning to school. Staff have also continued testing over the half term break and are still testing twice weekly.

We had 12 further positive cases notified to us over the half term break but as these children had not been in school over half term or in school this week, there has been no need for any further action, with children just needing to stay home for 10 days due to symptoms or a positive PCR test.

This week has been calmer with only 2 new positive cases, both notified in 5H yesterday, which we have followed up with a phone call to families of children who sat closest (either next to or opposite). This was just a precautionary measure so that families could book a PCR test (if needed) or just generally to be aware, if children became unwell.

As we have had 2 positive cases towards the end of this week, we will be continuing our enhanced safety measures for at least a further week while we monitor any trends. Children may continue to arrive from 8.30am and go straight into their classrooms, being in class ready for an 8.50am start. We will also be continuing our separate breaktimes for year groups, with lunches in classrooms (only Y3 using the hall for lunch). Assemblies will continue to be streamed to classrooms.

Flu immunisations have taken place today. We also had a brilliant Rock & Pop assembly streamed live to classrooms from the hall with Y4 present, clearly enjoying this! Y5 look fantastic in their party costumes and have enjoyed preparing party food and making Diva lamps. They will be celebrating Diwali with a dance workshop this afternoon. Y6 have created beautiful Chinese dragons in their artwork, as part of their topic on the Shang Dynasty. Mr Holland and I are very much looking forward to joining Y3 on their Crowthorne village walk this afternoon.

Please may we ask that all children come to school with a warm, waterproof coat which is not only needed outside daily but sometimes in classrooms whilst doors and windows remain open!

Best wishes to you all for a healthy and happy weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. H. West
Headteacher