



*He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. (Isaiah 40:29)*

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS LYNCH

The children and staff have really enjoyed their learning this week and the additional activities we have been joining in with, such as The Young 'Uns visit and the Wellbeing Day. Remember to visit our Facebook page to see what each class has been up to over the week!

## CHRISTIAN VALUE - PERSEVERANCE



Our Christian value this term is perseverance. In James 1:12, we are told, "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." This verse really gets to the heart of why perseverance matters. Without developing perseverance, we are not able to receive the blessings of God because we are unable to see them. God is good, that will never change. But it is our decision to follow God's way, even when it's hard, that gives us the ability to hear Him in all seasons. And, as always, if we are in need of help, we can reach out to God for strength, as we are told in Isaiah 40:29, "He gives strength to the weary..."

## COVID-19 - UPDATES

### General Public Updates from the Government:

- From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January, people with Covid-19 can stop self-isolating on day 6 if they have 2 negative rapid lateral flow test results on days 5 and 6 and **do not have a temperature**. Tests must be at least 24 hours apart. However, if a positive result shows on these days, isolation must continue until two consecutive negative tests have been taken on separate days. For example, if the LFT shows a positive result on day five, a negative test is required on both day six and day seven. If a positive test result is received on day six, then a negative test is required on days seven and eight and so on. The default self-isolation period continues to be 10 days, after which people can leave self-isolation **as long as they do not have a temperature**.

Please see the document attached to the end of this newsletter for further clarification on the changes to isolation periods.

### A reminder from our last newsletter:

- **Does my child have to isolate?** If any member of the household has symptoms of COVID, the rest of the household (including children over 5) should use an LFT every day for 7 days prior to leaving the house and, if the test is negative, can carry on as 'normal' – this includes coming to school. If at any time the LFT is positive, they must isolate. Children under 5 do not have to do an LFT, but can should you wish.
- **Who do I inform if my child has to isolate?** If your child is isolating due to COVID, please phone the school office as soon as possible and inform us of your child's end-of-isolation date. The office will then inform the class teacher. It is important that you let us know as soon as possible that your child is isolating so that there is no delay in providing home learning for your child. (Polite reminder that notification should be done via the school office and not Class Dojo/Tapestry).
- **Will my child be given home learning if they are isolating?** Class teachers will provide home learning via Class Dojo/Tapestry to children who are isolating. We appreciate your support in helping your child to access their remote learning, assuming they are well enough to complete the work. For more information about our remote learning offer, please visit our website.
- **What happens if my child's teacher is isolating?** We will do our best to ensure continuity of teaching for your child and will cover absences internally. Should we have insufficient cover due to a high number of staff absences, a decision will be made on whether to combine classes. A full or partial closure of school will always be a last resort, and should this be necessary, the decision will be made with the Trust and the Local Authority, and of course parents will be informed as soon as practically possible.
- **Do I need to wear a face covering when I drop-off/collect my child?** It is not required for parents/carers to wear a face covering when outside, however we do ask that you socially distance from others. If you need to visit the school office, you will be required to wear a face covering.





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## BRRR..IT'S COLD OUT THERE!



The weather has recently turned decidedly cold, therefore we kindly request that parents send their children to school in clothing that is appropriate for the weather – hats, gloves, scarves etc. The children do go outside at breaks and lunchtime, and will continue their PE lessons outside. Forest School also takes place for each class once a week, so do please send your children in on these days in clothing that is warm and that can get muddy - all in one waterproofs are ideal, and wellies or good solid outdoor boots and warm socks are essential for these sessions.

## WORLD BOOK DAY – MAD HATTER'S READING TEA PARTY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and our theme this year is "The Mad Hatter's Reading Tea Party". We are really encouraging the children to dress up in line with this theme. As part of our reading curriculum this term, all the children will be learning about Lewis Carroll's novel "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" which is about a young girl named Alice who falls through a rabbit hole into a fantasy world.



## THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY



We are excited to be working with the Parish Council and local landowner, Mr John Humphrey, to plant trees on designated land in the village as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. The Queen's Green Canopy is a tree planting initiative, created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, and which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". 240 saplings (1 for each of our children) will be delivered in early spring and our plan is to have our children help plant them. This is just the first of several ways in which our school will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee this year.

## THE YOUNG'UNS VISIT



On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January, we had a virtual visit from The Young 'Uns who worked with children in KS2. During the day, they had workshops with the children, teaching them the history of our local area, through song. It culminated in a whole-school (virtual) assembly, where the children joined in, singing sea shanties and much more! Bobby (Y5) said, "It was a brilliant day! I loved singing and learning about our local history!" Year 6 continue their preparations for the upcoming 'When Cambridgeshire Sings' concert, where they debut the song they wrote, Fearless Thomas

Clarkson. To listen to the children singing the song click on the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KyZidbMmBIM>



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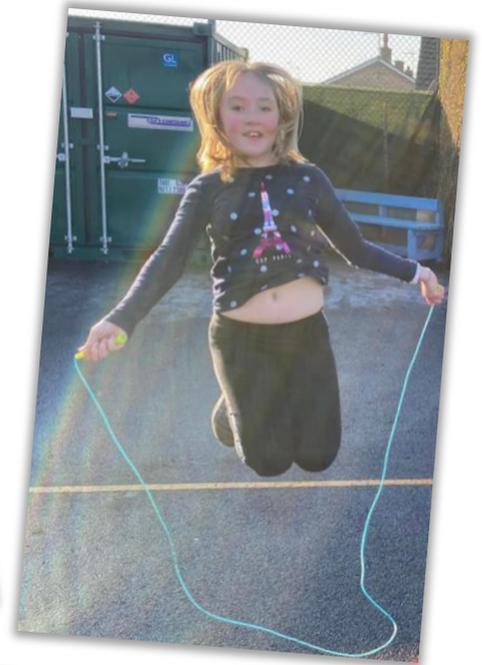
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## WELLBEING DAY

On Friday 14th January, our KS2 children enjoyed a fantastic day of activities linked to mental and physical wellbeing. During their sessions, each class enjoyed a healthy eating activity, physical exercise challenge and a relaxing yoga session. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying the activities and reflecting on how wellbeing involves a balanced lifestyle.

*“Health is not just being disease-free. Health is when every cell in your body is bouncing with joy.” - Sadhguru ❤️*



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## THIS WEEK'S RECOMMENDED READS ARE:

<b>EYFS</b>	<b>KS1</b>	<b>KS2</b>



## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is **90%**  
and since the beginning of term is **94.6%**



**Octavia Class = 98.6%**



**Godfrey Class = 97.9%**



**Hudson Class = 96.6 %**

Brr!  
Wrap  
up  
warm!



Thank you for your continued support!

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**We are here to support you. Contact us if you are in need.**

## **Changes to Isolation Periods**

The isolation period is still 10 days but can be reduced **to 5 full days** (as long as your child is well enough and without a temperature) and receives **2 consecutive negative** LFD results. The earliest they should take the first LFD test is on day **5**.

Any **positive test** after a first **negative test** would mean that the first negative is **null and void**. This would **reset** the isolation period and your child would still require 2 consecutive negative tests from this point forward. You must register results with the [NHS Website here](#) and you must e-mail both those results to school. You can order a pack of [LFD tests here](#).

In any scenario, the isolation period can only end if your child no longer has a high temperature. This applies even if they have tested negative twice. If children still have a high temperature after Day 10, they should stay off school and seek medical advice such as contacting your GP or phoning 111.

Thank you to Mr Andy Ramanantsoa, Head Teacher of Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Blaydon for putting this together