

CANON JOHNSON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back everyone.

I hope you had a good break and are ready for the next few weeks. We have several new messages in our newsletter this week including a pupil who has been nominated for an award and a reminder of the new lockdown rules that we have all been asked to follow. Please read these carefully so that we can all remain safe.

PUPIL AWARD NOMINATION AND VOTE

One of our pupils, Kaitlin, has been nominated in the Amazing Ashton Awards. If you would like to vote for her, please click on the link below or search for Amazing Ashton Awards via a google search.

https://www.ladysmithshoppingcentre.com/Article/Vote-for-our-Amazing-Ashton-Shortlist

LOCKDOWN RULES

As a school we have been asked to remind parents and families of the lockdown rules that have been put into place as of Thursday 5th November. The latest lockdown rules are:

- Only leave your home for specific reasons these include for childcare or education, for work purposes where you cannot work from home, for exercise, to visit an outdoor public place, for medical reasons, shopping for basic essentials, or to provide care for vulnerable people, visit people in your support bubble or as a volunteer.
- Workplaces remain open where people cannot work from home.
- No mixing of different households inside homes, except for childcare and other support.
- No mixing of households outside, except for exercising or visiting a public place with one other person.
- All non-essential retail, gyms, leisure centres, bars, restaurants (except for takeaway and delivery services) and hospitality will close.
- All entertainment venues and personal care facilities will close.
- Hotels and other accommodation should only open for those having to travel for work purposes.
- International travel out of the UK banned, except for work.





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SCHOOL GUIDANCE

Can I just remind parents about our own policies to reduce the spread of COVID in school? These are:

- All parents to wear face masks when bringing in and collecting children from school
- Parents meeting a member of staff must sign in using the track and trace app QR code we have in the front office (if meeting in the building).

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

After some mixed messages earlier in the week, swimming for the Year 4 pupils will continue during lockdown. The Swimming baths will be open for schools only to access lessons which are part of the National Curriculum.

HANDWRITING TRAINING

On Wednesday this week all the pupils and staff took part in class handwriting training and demonstrations. We all enjoyed the day and the improvement in writing was noticeable from previous work. This focus will continue and we hope you will see the difference in your child's work at home.

TRUST DIGITAL STRATEGY AND TEAMS

On Monday the trust released their digital strategy for all the schools in the trust and staff started their training on how to use the apps that we will be opening out to all pupils in the school. The aim is to provide all pupils from Year 3 to 6 with a 1 to 1 device to be used in school and at home for homework and to use if a pupil or child is in isolation. We also aim to have a bank of 1 to 1 devices for pupils in Key Stage 1 and Early Years to take home but these will need to be returned immediately after an isolation for other classes to use. The action plan for the implementation of this strategy is:

- 1. To complete a wifi audit of the school. This will enable whole classes to use the ipads in school all at the same time.
- 2. Purchase the ipads for staff and staff training
- 3. Purchase the ipads for pupils and train the pupils in how to use them
- 4. Offer parent training in the use of the ipads and software we will be installing on the ipads.





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Star of the Week and Captain's Table

Star of the Week

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Nursery	Olivia
Reception	Dylan
Year 1	Isabellle
Year 2	Dollie
Year 3	Archie
Year 4	Riley
Year 5	Yug
Year 6	Gracie

Captain's Table

Year 1	Georgie
Year 2	Olivia
Year 3	Connie
Year 4	Abbie
Year 5	Macie
Year 6	Zach

Headteacher's Award: Year 6 for excellent, thoughtful answers in assemblies.

Whole School Attendance: No awards this week as it was half term

Once again, thank you for your patience and support for the staff of the school. Do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything at all and please stay safe.

Have a great weekend and look forward to speaking to you soon.

Mr Bidgood

Headteacher

