

Civitas Academy Bulletin

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Update from Mr Wieder

We've had another action packed week at Civitas this week. It was great to see both the children and staff in KS2 dress as rock stars for the launch of the KS2 Times Tables Rock Stars online platform on Tuesday. In 2021, our Y4 cohort will be taking the online multiplication check and this will definitely help to prepare the children for this check. Thank you to Miss Frain for organising such a great day for the children in KS2.

On Thursday, we held the parent workshop for the new e-book system in place to further support reading at home. Thank you to Miss Bradburn for leading on this.

Today, we completed a lock down drill at the school. A lock down could be for any number of reasons e.g. a storm, potential terrorist threat or risk of an intruder amongst many other possible reasons. We put a drill in place to test current arrangements in case this was ever needed. All of the children were absolutely fantastic whilst we tested the current process.

A couple of reminders please:

- 1) Please park considerately and legally when dropping off/ collecting your child. Traffic wardens make regular visits outside the school gate. The parking spaces on the opposite side of the road to the school are for residents only.
- 2) The deadline for booking Christmas dinners is today.
- 3) Please could you ensure that your child has the correct colour P.E. T-shirt from January onwards.

Civitas Engagement Group- Wednesday 2nd December (10am via Zoom)

This will be taking place on Wednesday and the Zoom invitation will go out with the email edition of the bulletin. It will be an opportunity for the school to share what it is currently working on, for you to ask questions, give feedback and to share ideas with Mr Wieder and Abby Stevens, the Chair of Governors at Civitas Academy. We will then be able to build upon plans from this meeting so that future plans for the school and our community can be influenced.

Attendance

I am pleased to report that rates of attendance remain high at the school this week with attendance being over 96% each day this week. Well done everyone as our average attendance for the year now stands at 95.9%.

Year 2 Phonics Test

Children in Y2 who would have taken their Y1 phonics test in June will now take a screening test in the week beginning 7th December. The school will then need to submit results to the government and report on the proportion that passed the check. Any child that does not pass the check will have the opportunity to retake again in June 2021. Further information about what the phonics check entails as well as past papers can be found on the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#phonics-screening-check-resources>

COVID 19 Symptoms Procedure

A reminder that the main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms. If you or your child present with any of these symptoms, you must not attend school and should arrange to get a coronavirus test. You should stay at home and do not have visitors until you get a test result-only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

You can book a coronavirus test on the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

You must inform the school if you suspect that you or your child requires a coronavirus test and you should inform us immediately if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus.

In the event of a child displaying any symptoms in school, we would move your child to our isolation room and you would be asked to collect, isolate and arrange for a test.

In the event of a confirmed case of coronavirus, parents would be informed and the children identified as close contacts in the bubble would be required to isolate. Remote home learning would then be provided during that time.

Events Diary

Date (Time)	Event
Wednesday 2 nd December (10am)	Parent Engagement Group
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day-£1 donation to be made on Tucasi
Tuesday 15 th December (PM)	KS2 Online Pantomime
Wednesday 16 th December	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 16 th December(PM)	EYFS/ KS1 Online Pantomime
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Crafts
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term