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Good morning everyone,

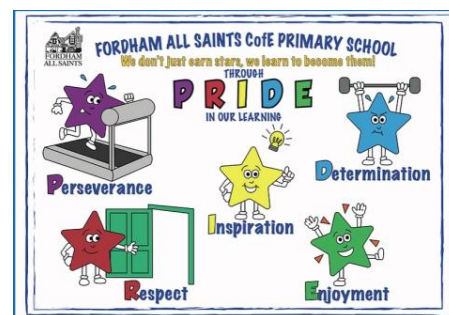
With the imminent announcement of further lifting of restrictions on Monday, headteachers had a briefing from the Directors of Education and Public Health for Essex. Whilst things will ease in how we go about our daily lives in schools the emphasis will remain on keeping children in their bubbles, hand washing and contact tracing.

We will continue to work in our bubbles during lesson times and break times for the foreseeable future. This is to minimise disruption to learning should someone test positive for Coronavirus. If we do have a positive case then we will only need to isolate one bubble, whereas if the children have been mixing, we would have to close the whole school.

I think handwashing has become a reflex action after a year. I know I feel like I am always washing or sanitising my hands, and I have used more hand cream in the last year than probably in my whole life! I think sore hands are a small price to pay for remaining healthy.

It is still vital that children (or adults) with symptoms remain at home until they have taken a PCR test. The use of Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) is only for people who are asymptomatic. LFD tests should not be used with people who have symptoms, if you have symptoms, you must book a PCR test. In all cases a PCR test will confirm a positive case of coronavirus. In the case of a positive result children and close contacts will be required to remain at home. I feel our success at keeping coronavirus out of school has been due to your vigilance and co-operation when your children are unwell.

Mrs Bartholomew our Catering Manager is currently unwell, we have been very lucky to have Mr Small back in the kitchen this week. Unfortunately, next week we have been unable to secure a Catering Manager for the whole week. We will continue to contact agencies to find cover but please do bear with us if the menu must change at short notice.



Upcoming Events

18th May Joint Governors meeting Chappel and Fordham

27th May School Photographer for class photos

28th May INSET Day – no children in school

31st May – 4th June Half-term holidays

22nd June Full Governing Body meeting

23rd June Sports day weather permitting

w/b 12th July KS2 Performance week

13th July Full Governing Body meeting

21st July Last day of term

22nd July Summer holidays start

More Important News

Mrs Jinks has made a full recovery and we are delighted to be welcoming her back into school on Monday. This means that we will return to our normal teaching pattern with Mrs Jinks and Mrs Locke in Class 2. Mrs McMillan will go back to working Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

I still see a number of children with long hair hanging loose. In an ideal world this is lovely, however we know that long hair is more conducive to the spread of headlice. Please do tie your child's hair back from their face. It is easier for them to work without the distraction of hair falling over their eyes, it is imperative for safety in PE and it will help stop the spread of headlice. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Just to remind parents that as of Monday you are no longer required to wear face coverings when dropping off or collecting children from school. This is dependant on continued social distancing, which I am sure you prefer to the face coverings. I am certainly looking forward to seeing smiling faces as it will help me to learn people's names and associated children.

As the children are wearing their PE kits to school, we have seen a reduction in the amount of lost property. This is good news all round. I would still urge you to name all items of clothing as the children tend to take their jumpers and coats off when running around at playtimes. It can be hard to reunite clothing with the correct owner if it is unlabelled.

It has been a lovely week in school. I have been shown the school allotments where some produce is already beginning to grow. Sandy, my school dog, has been walked by several children and has enjoyed all the cuddles he gets at playtimes. Staff and children continue to work hard and enjoy their learning.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Julie Ingram

In the Community

School website

I will be adding information and updating the website over the next few weeks. Please do visit the site to keep up to date with all that is going on in school.

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Dear Lord
Thank you for all the good
people in the world. Help us
be brave and support us
with our health and
wellbeing.
Amen