



## Newsletter - 19<sup>th</sup> June

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well. As you will know from my letter last week we have had more YR children come into school filling our 'bubble' groups. Our key worker 'bubble' is also busy and full towards the end of the week. Thank you for your continued support and for following our school guidelines.

If you are a critical worker, please can I politely remind you that our key worker bubble should only be used when you are required to be in work during the school day. Our key worker 'bubble' is busy and as it becoming difficult to book a place this will ensure we have the capacity for all critical workers who require to work on any given day. Thank you for your support.

### Children's Clothing in School

Please can we remind you that children who are coming into school Children should wear casual clothes that are suitable for school. It can be anything casual that is suitable for school activities that they feel comfortable wearing. This is for ease of movement doing a range of activities without having to change.

**We would recommend trousers, leggings or shorts, and not skirts or dresses please.**

The children need to be able to take on and off any jumpers. This also allows for you to send your child in clean clothes every day please.

### Y2 School Books

We are inviting the Y2 children into school to join a leavers' 'bubble' group for one day week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> July. Full details will be sent out shortly.

In school his week we have been collecting the Y2 children's school books and other artwork, packaging them up ready to return them to you. Each child will receive a package of their school work delivered to your doorstep next week.

On the last day they are in school the children will take home their PE kit, personal belongings, medication or other items that are in school. Please send them in with a carrier bag for these items.

### The Duchess of Cambridge - Online Assembly on Mental Wellbeing among Children

This week, the Duchess of Cambridge led an online assembly for the Oak National Academy during which spoke about the importance of mental wellbeing among children. The theme of the Duchess' assembly is 'spread a little kindness' and is based on a lesson plan which is available on the Mentally Healthy Schools platform. This platform was developed in collaboration with children's mental health charity Place2Be and encourages children to explore ways in which they can show kindness and recognise the benefits of kindness to others.

The assembly can be access here: [Duchess of Cambridge Assembly](#)

The Mental Healthy Schools website: [MentalHealthySchoolsWebsite](#)



### BBC Children in Need Design a Duck [Full Details](#)

The Children in Need Duck Race is back and they are inviting schools to help complete their 'pun-tastic' duck line-up.

They are asking young duck fans across the UK to grab their crayons and design a duck, with one lucky ducky featuring in their big race at the end of the year. This competition is open to children 16 and under, and must have the parent or guardian enter on your child's behalf.

1. Download their handy duck [template](#)
2. Get creative and design and name your duck
3. Upload a scan or clear picture of your creation to their [Uploader](#)

The competition is open from the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, and will be closing to entries on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June at midnight.

They will get in touch with the parent or guardian of the winner via email or phone, and the winning design will be shared on their social media channels, as well as in the race itself!

### School Latin Programme

Alex Guar, Charlie's Mum Y1, has sent us details of a School Latin online programme that begins on 27<sup>th</sup> July. This might be of interest to our Y2 children. Full details are enclosed with this newsletter.

### Police Alert - COVID-19 Related Scams

We have received a police alert regarding COVID-19 related scams which we would like to bring to your attention.

Criminals are exploiting the COVID-19 pandemic to try and get their hands on your money and personal information. **To date, Action Fraud has received reports from 2,378 victims of Coronavirus-related scams, with the total losses reaching over £7 million.**

#### **How you can protect yourself from Coronavirus-related scams:**

There are some simple steps you can take that will protect you from the most common Coronavirus-related scams. Here's what need to do:

##### **1 - Watch out for scam messages**

Your bank, or other official organisations, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you receive an email you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS): [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)



## 2 - Shopping online

If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, for example, by checking to see if others have used the site and what their experience was. If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one, other payment providers may not provide the same protection.

## 3 - Unsolicited calls and browser pop-ups offering tech support

Never install any software, or grant remote access to your computer, as a result of a cold call. Remember, legitimate organisations would never contact you out of the blue to ask for financial details such as your PIN or full banking password.

### NHS Test and Trace scams:

The NHS Test and Trace service plays an important role in the fight against coronavirus and it's vital the public have confidence and trust in the service. However, we understand the concerns people have about the opportunity for criminals to commit scams.

#### What you need to know:

Contact tracers will **only call you from the number 0300 013 5000**. Anyone who does not wish to talk over the phone can request the NHS Test and Trace service to send an email or text instead, inviting them to log into the web-based service.

All text or emails sent by NHS Test and Trace will ask people to sign into the contact tracing website and will provide you with a unique reference number. We would advise people to **type the web address <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk> directly into their browser**, followed by the unique reference number given to you, rather than clicking on any link provided in the message.

#### The NHS Test and Trace service will never:

- ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to them (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
- ask you to make any form of payment or purchase a product or any kind
- ask for any details about your bank account
- ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts
- ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone
- ask you to download any software to your PC or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet to anyone else
- ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or NHS

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, please report it to Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> or by calling 0300 123 2040. If you live in Scotland, please report directly to Police Scotland by calling 101.

Best wishes

*Lucy McNeil*