

With half term around the corner and welcome break with families nearly here, it is important to reflect on the brilliant term we have had in school. It has been almost magical to return to learning with such a calm and happy feel across the whole school. Years 4 and 5 have been swimming each week this term and the Year 6 children have been on residential to Whitemoor Lakes in Staffordshire. As the term has progressed we have continued to see children's learning, confidence and attainment flourish.

Covid Update

After six weeks of a virtually Covid-free school, this week there have been informed of a handful of positive test results within our school community. Covid cases in the area have been rising for a while and with the number of secondary aged children testing positive on the steep increase, our school had to feel the impact of Covid at some point. The safety of our children and staff is paramount and we have made the decision to return to operating the school in bubbles with the Covid measures that were in place before the summer.

If your child has either a new continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste/smell, then please do not bring your child to school until they have completed a PCR test and you have received official confirmation that the test result is negative. This is a protective measure and we are more than willing to talk you through what is expected if you phone the school office. If you as a parent have Covid symptoms, we ask you please not come onto the school site until you have had a confirmed negative PCR test result.

Parent's Evening—New Dates

We have taken the difficult decision to postpone Parent's Evening until Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th November. These will be held virtually so as to best protect our school community. A booking form will be sent out this week to rearrange a meeting with your child's class teacher.

Staffing Update

We very pleased to have some new faces joining our team. Miss Bradshaw-Williams is working in Year 2 as a teaching assistant to support Miss Checkley. Mrs Hall will be joining the specialist provision after Christmas as a new senior leader at the school. We are very much looking forwards to have her expertise, skills and enthusiasm at Blackthorn. In other staffing news, Miss Betts celebrated her wedding over the summer and her married name is now Mrs Parkin.

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