



Thornhill Lees Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter - January 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Can you believe it is 2022! I hope you have had a lovely Christmas for those who were celebrating and a wonderful, restful break. I hope the new year sees you well and in good health.

Venus Class has a new teacher!

Ms Knight has taken over the teaching of Venus Class – if your child is in this class you can contact Ms Knight via class dojo.

Milk



If your child has turned 5 in this month they will have to pay to have milk in school. If you pay now it works out at 0.210p per carton per day. Please pay as soon as possible so that your child can have their milk. www.schoolmilkuk.com



ClassDojo

Please make sure you are signed up to class dojo. Any information about what is going on in school is uploaded as well as homework and other events happening in your child's class.

You can also use it to report if your child is absent or if they have an appointment by messaging Mrs Parker via the app. Remember to report any absences before 9am.

New Guidance on Isolation

The 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

Close Contacts

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

We will be requesting seeing the results of PCR tests and LFT that children take. This is due to the fact that we have some vulnerable children and staff members in school.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Diary Dates 2022

School closes for Spring Half Term:

Friday 18th February 2022

School re-opens:

Monday 28th February 2022

School Dates

School closes for Easter Holidays:

Friday 8th April 2022

School re-opens: Monday 25th April 2022

School closes for Spring Bank

Holidays: Thursday 26th May 2022

School re-opens: Monday 6th June 2022

School closes for Summer

Holidays: Friday 22nd July 2022

Bank Holidays

Monday 2nd May 2022

Inset Days

Monday 1st November 2021

Thursday 5th May 2022 (Election Day)

Friday 27th May 2022

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

Quote of the Month



[Free School Meal Vouchers](#)

Your child may be eligible for Free School meals and the holiday food vouchers that have been provided each holiday so far, if you are in receipt of any of the following;

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You need to apply online with the DFE 'applying for free school meals'.

So far this year Kirklees Council have funded vouchers during each holiday period for families for food and towards energy costs.

[Nursery and Year 2 Parents](#)

The online applications for those children in Nursery and will be due to start Reception in September 2022 is now open. This is also the case for the children in Year 2 who will be leaving us in July 2022.

You need to apply online through the Kirklees parent portal.

[Kirklees Council](#) - click on this link.

Please complete these as soon as possible so your child gets a place in the school you wish them to attend. **The closing date for doing so is 15th January 2022.** If you need some help please speak to Mrs Parker in the office.



[Stay and Play](#)

Stay and Play is cancelled for the rest of this term as we are following additional guidance sent to schools.



Should you have any questions or suggestions then please let us know.

Thank you for supporting us.

Ms Loonat (Acting Deputy Head)