



The Week Ahead



Term 3 Week 1

Dear All,

I hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas break. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow, Wednesday the 5th of January.

This is a shorter first week back but we hope that you will find the reminders below useful and the enclosed COVID-19 update helpful.

On behalf of the staff and governors at Christ Church, we wish you and all of your families a very Happy New Year!

Best Wishes,

R. Brotherton

From Miss Brotherton

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY...



HAPPY NEW YEAR

2022

LUNCH MENU: WEEK 1

Wednesday 5th January

- Welcome back everyone! (Parents/carers, please kindly wear a mask when on school grounds)
- Hedgehogs and Otters Class – please bring your cardboard box in today for your topic launch

Thursday 6th January

- Closing date for our MDSA and ELSA vacancies. All details are on the Wiltshire Council Jobs board

Friday 7th January

- Term 3 Newsletter out today
- Extreme reading challenge launch!

Reminders:

Please read the COVID-19 update below and remember to report any absence as soon as possible.



COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, schools received communication from the Department for Education with an update on the government's response to COVID-19. The key points to share with you are:

- All of our staff will be required to self-test at home before they return to school and will continue to test twice weekly. Staff will wear masks in communal areas around the school to protect themselves and each other. High rates of COVID-19 may cause difficulties with the availability of staff. However, we will do all we can to arrange supply cover and keep school open.

Changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

- Since Wednesday 22nd December, 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 school from day 7.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

- 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.
- Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

Action for you: Please may we kindly remind you to report your child's absence in the usual way, by e-mailing school on: absence@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk or calling 01225 863444 by 9am. Please may we also ask you to wear a mask in our school grounds, when either dropping off or collecting your child, especially as you will be mixing with other families and staff.

We will keep you updated if we receive further guidance and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Rachael Brotherton
Headteacher