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Dear parents and carers,

I hope the newsletter find you safe and well. We have reached the end of another half-term and are now half-way through the summer term. With restrictions eased a little since the last holiday, we hope this provides you and your children with more opportunities to enjoy the break from school and, hopefully, some good weather (as we are certainly overdue some). Thank you all for your support over the course of this half-term and well done to the children, who we are all very proud of, for managing another half-term in school with restrictions in place that we recognise make learning more challenging and school a little less fun. Hopefully, we will see some further return to normal as we work through Summer 2 but at school, we are all very mindful that these restrictions are in place to help keep everyone safe. So, please enjoy the school holidays and please all keep yourselves safe and well!

#### Testing Reminders

- IF YOUR CHILDREN HAVE DEVELOPED ANY SYMPTOMS OVER THE FIRST WEEKEND OF THE HOLIDAYS, PLEASE INFORM SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ([Pquarry@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:Pquarry@ipmat.co.uk)).
- PLEASE INFORM SCHOOL OF ANY PCR TEST RESULTS SO THAT WE CAN TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN THE EVENT OF A POSITIVE RESULT AS WE MAY NEED TO NOTIFY FAMILIES THAT THEY NEED TO ISOLATE IF THEY WERE IN CONTACT WITHIN 48 HOURS.

#### WITH REGARDS LATERAL FLOW TESTS

- PLEASE REMEMBER THAT LATERAL FLOW TEST RESULTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BY SCHOOL.
- WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT NEGATIVE PCR TESTS (best arranged as a drive-thru test as results are back quicker)
- ISOLATION RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED UNTIL A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT IS OBTAINED OR THE 10-DAY ISOLATION PERIOD IS COMPLETE

#### PLEASE SEE THE MESSAGE BELOW FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITY REGARDING FOOD VOUCHERS Department for Education Covid-19 Local Support Grant - food vouchers for low income families

It continues to be a challenging time for families and we know many are struggling financially due to the impact of coronavirus.

We are pleased to remind you that for the one week half term holiday period (week commencing 31 May 2021), low income families living in the Wakefield district, that are in receipt of Council tax support, will get a voucher payment of £15 per child to go towards the cost of food and essentials.

**Letters including instructions on how to redeem voucher codes will be received by families from next week (week commencing 24 May 2021).** The letters will include the contact details of local Help at the Hub venues should anyone have difficulty in redeeming a voucher.

#### Our Family Our Future Spring Bank Offer

The Our Family Our Future Project continues to work in partnership with Wakefield Trinity, Homestart, Rycroft Leisure, Young People's Empowerment Project, Frickley Athletic, DAZL, Featherstone Rovers, Elite Kids Coaching and the Old Quarry Adventure Playground to provide children and families with the opportunity to access FREE fun filled activities through the school holidays.

Sessions are taking place in Cragglestone, Thornes Park, South Elmsall, Normanton, Featherstone, Knottingley, Ryhill & Havercroft and Airedale.

All sessions will also provide a FREE MEAL for the children with an opportunity for the family to have access to early help support such as employment and debt advice, access to behaviour support etc. above and beyond the fun filled activities.

**The clubs and activities are in place to help support families with children who are entitled to income-related free school meals. Please e:mail [Pquarry@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:Pquarry@ipmat.co.uk) if you feel you may be eligible for one of these sessions or for further information.**



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**Royal Mail Design a Stamp Competition**

Please see the attached resources if you are interested in your children entering the Royal Mail Heroes Design a Stamp Competition as a lovely activity to do over the holidays.

If you want to enter, please use the attached entry sheet and send a photo to [Pquarry@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:Pquarry@ipmat.co.uk) by 27<sup>th</sup> May so that we can enter them by the deadline of 28<sup>th</sup> May.

**Attendance – Summer 1 – Week 6**

| Year Group                    | Attendance (%) |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| UFS                           | 98.0%          |
| 1                             | 96.5%          |
| 2                             | 98.0%          |
| 3                             | 91.9%          |
| 4                             | 94.6%          |
| 5                             | 89.4%          |
| 6                             | 94.9%          |
| School Average                | 94.8%          |
| Wakefield Average (Mon – Wed) | 94%            |

This week we have to say well done to **Upper Foundation Stage** and **Year 2** who were our attendance champions.

**Golden Workers**

This week, we have been celebrating the efforts of children in school who have shown good **enthusiasm**.

| Year Group | Pupil  |
|------------|--------|
| 1          | Ellie  |
| 2          | Amelia |
| 3          | Max    |
| 4          | Riley  |
| 5          | Koen   |
| 6          | Holly  |

**Upcoming Dates**

| Date                                      | Event                                     |
|---|---|
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2021          | School breaks up for half-term            |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021          | School re-opens for Summer 2              |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2021         | School photos                             |
| Week beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 | Year 6 Leaver's Event – Date TBC          |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021        | Meet your child's new teacher meeting     |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2021      | School closes for summer holidays         |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2021  | School re-opens for the new academic year |

More dates may be confirmed in due course once we know the impact of easing of restrictions

Have a lovely weekend and we hope you all stay safe and well over the next two weeks.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

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### SAFEGUARDING

Please be aware of how long children spend on devices and monitor their use.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/need-help>

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/primary/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.papyrus-uk.org/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

### ICON

Unfortunately, Wakefield has experienced recent baby deaths here in the district as a result of overlay, unsafe sleeping and shaken babies. The ICON program can help to prevent this with the support it provides:

- I – Infant crying is normal;
- C – Comforting methods can help;
- O – It's OK to walk away;
- N – Never, ever shake a baby

[Wakefield safeguarding children partnership \(wakefieldscp.org.uk\)](http://wakefieldscp.org.uk) – info for staff and parents, including the safer sleeping standard information.

[The Lullaby Trust - Safer sleep for babies, Support for families](#) – info for staff and parents.

### Other useful links:

<https://parentinfo.org> - resources and guidance for parents on a wealth of subjects

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/> - guidance about popular apps, games and networks children may be accessing

<https://www.starwakefield.org.uk/> - resources and support to help deal with bereavement

<https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/> - resources to help with mental health and wellbeing

<https://youngminds.org.uk/> - Young Minds

<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/> - Online resources for children and young people in Wakefield with mental health and wellbeing

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> - NSPCC

<https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/> - website for safer sleep for babies

[www.iconcope.org](http://www.iconcope.org) – website offering support around normal infant crying and how to cope / manage this

### Useful Numbers

**YOUNG MINDS PARENTS HELPLINE:** 0808 8025544

**CHILD LINE** - Help for adults concerned about a child call us on 0808 800 5000

**CHILD LINE** - Help for children and young people call Childline on 0800 1111

**NHS** - For urgent medical help – use the NHS 111 online service, or call 111 if you're unable to get help online.

**NHS** - For life-threatening emergencies – call 999 for an ambulance.

**POLICE** – 101 for non-emergencies or 999 in an emergency

**REFUGE** – Call 0808 2000 247 for support from the National Domestic Abuse Helpline

**NORMANTON FOOD BANK** - 01924 895634 or 07307 189851



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### COVID19 Symptoms At Home Flow Chart

