

Newsletter Friday 9th October 2020



**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

A couple of Important Notices for Parents...

For All Parents of Reception to Year 7 children. If you have returned your Nasal Flu consent form, we have just been informed by Vaccination UK that our Nasal Flu vaccines will be given on Monday 12th October and Friday 23rd October (NOT the 12th & 13th October as originally planned).

School Vaccination
Part of  Vaccination UK

**SCHOOL
CLOSED**

Polite Reminder: School is CLOSED to all pupils on Friday 16th October for a Professional Development Day.

Parents Evening this year will look a little different. We are doing very well keeping our bubbles open and staff attendance is very high compared with other schools and this is partly due to the strict measures we have in place. We therefore will not be allowing Parents into school for Parents Evening this term. We will review again in the Spring and as soon as it is safe to do so, we will. I know you will miss looking through your child's work but hopefully when you read below you will see we are trying to put other things in place to keep you ever more up to date with your child's learning.



This year your class teacher will be in touch to see if you would like to have a conversation about your child's learning, progress and behaviour via the telephone or via zoom. They will also give you a range of available times when this can take place, and will try and meet your needs whilst balancing the need for staff to get home to their own families.

I am also very excited to tell you that to help continue our excellent communication with Parents and make sure you know what your child is learning and how they are getting on, we will be introducing the Marvellous Me App <https://marvellousme.com/#parents> which several schools are already using. It has a host of uses including messages home,

stickers, homework, newsletters, surveys etc We're hoping this will be set up for everyone very soon and I for one can't wait to award my Headteacher stickers out to pupils and explain to parents what they got it for.

Also, we have been using Evidence for Learning in a large part of our school, and this has been particularly helpful in recording progress, especially now P levels no longer exist and the engagement model is to be used <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-engagement-model> Part of evidence for Learning is that photos and videos of 'learning' and progress against targets with detailed observations can be shared with Parents and Parents will be able to share videos and photos of their child putting what they have learnt into action at home. It's very exciting and you will have a true understanding of just what they are doing at school. We are going to start with Early Years, Russell House and the Complex & Sensory learners and then gradually cascade it out to everyone. I think when you see that residents at Russell House do make their bed, load the dishwasher, load the washing machine, tidy up after dinner etc it will help you, so they can still do this at home!!!

Sixth Form News!



WFS Allotment

Sixth Form students have been working hard to achieve the RHS School Gardening Level 3 Certificate.

This week an exciting delivery arrived containing their certificate and a voucher worth £150.00.

Students are looking forward to beginning their work towards the Level 4.

Well done to all the students and staff who have worked so hard to gain this recognition.

Art in the classroom and at home!

Kyle from class 7C has drawn a great picture of a bird you can find in the Amazon Rainforest and Olivia from 9L has collected some horse chestnuts from Russell House to put with their Autumn display at home.

