

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th March 2021

Red Nose Day



What a fantastic sight to see so many different heroes come through the school gates this morning! The children and staff loved showcasing their costumes and the inspiration behind them. We had Sir Captain Tom Moore, mini-teachers, NHS staff, vets, care workers, Joe Wicks and whole league of comic heroes too.

Miss Carne hosted a whole school Red Nose Day quiz which of course included a Southampton question! The children loved participating and it definitely brought out their competitive side. Well done to 3LE, 4IS & 4JH, 5RT and 6KB for winning against the other classes in their year group!

Thank you for your creative skills and support towards this wonderful cause and we will update you with our donation total in next week's newsletter- [there is still time to donate online](#).

The Orchestra Presents 'Viva La Vida'

We are delighted [to share with you this video](#), made by our fantastic orchestra under the direction of Mrs Raimboux and Mrs Linehan-Hill performed 'Walking on Air' remotely last term. We are delighted to bring you their second remote recording which is 'Viva La Vida', via this link

The recording was produced to mark one year since lockdown began and is another fantastic achievement by the children. But even more so than the previous one, as it is a piece that none of them had played before - they've had to learn, practise and record their part independently.

Alongside this several new members have joined orchestra recently, and whose first ever performance with orchestra is a remote one, they are: **Evie B, Sofia G, Jun L, Bethany L, Finn M, Daniel P, Eibhlin W**. I think you'll agree we are duly proud of our orchestra and what they have achieved remotely, nothing is impossible!

Also, an online version of the Basingstoke Music and Arts Festival is in full swing at weekends this month. **Oisín M, Sophie M** and **Bethany L** performed in the woodwind classes and all did extremely well - Oisín and Bethany won their classes and received trophies. A fantastic achievement, well done!

Huge thank you to all staff Mrs Raumbaux, Mrs Linehan-Hill and Mrs Laird involved with our remote orchestra, you are heroes!

Bookmark Competition



For World Book Day we asked children to design a bookmark for their class. I have had some fantastic bookmarks handed in. The winner from each class will be able to choose a book for the classroom bookshelf.

The winners are:

Emma C from 3LO, Jessica D from 5RT, Evie P from 5RB and Jessica T from 5KB.

Does your child remember the library book they read before Xmas?

It is lovely to see the children back at school and to be able to access and enjoy our books again. Mrs Adsley has been making her way around all classes with library books. All classes have their own selection of books and when any books are returned they are quarantined for 72 hours.

To help remind the children of any books that they may have on their library cards before Christmas, Mrs Adsley has handed out pictures of the books that now need returning to the library. If any books cannot be located please let us know, these can be removed from the library stock.

LFD Test Kits for Parents and Adults in Households with Children of School Age

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. **Test kits are not issued by the school.** There are a number of different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are **not** being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

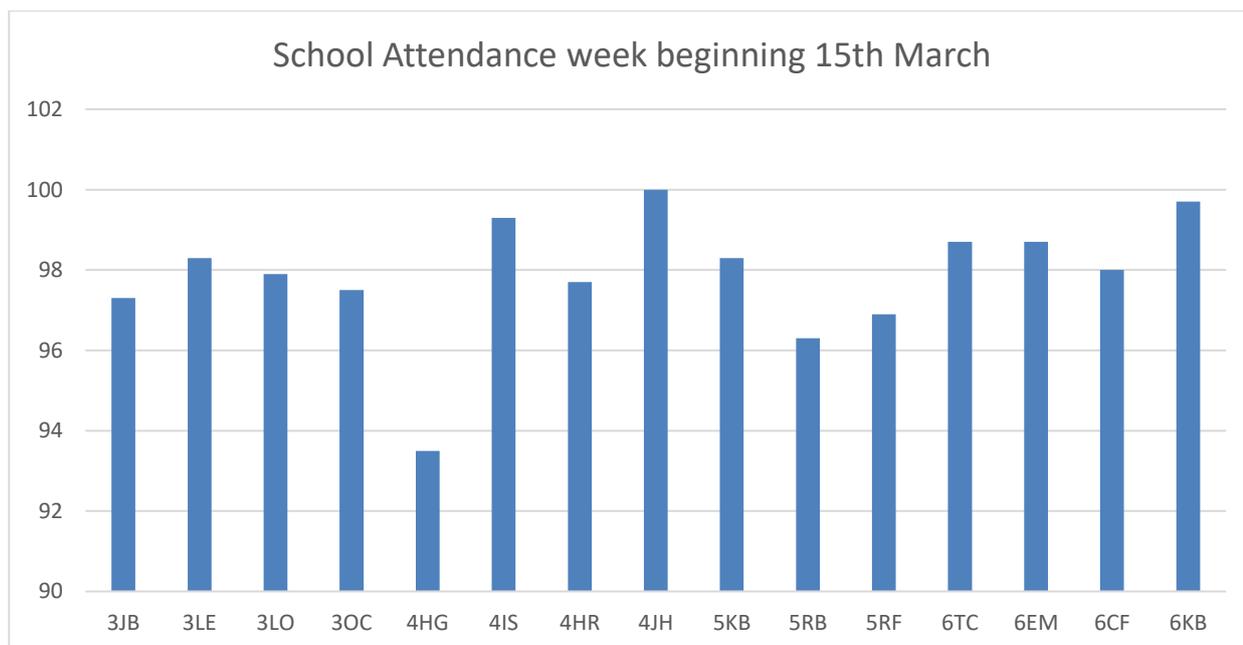
Details of eligibility and further explanation of how to obtain a test kit [is available via the Gov.uk web pages](#).

School Dinners

School dinners in Hampshire cost £2.50 each and there is no need to pre-order; children can make their choice in the morning. Please remember that the school does not offer a credit facility for school meals and we expect meals to be paid for in advance. In your Scopay account, you can set up an alert notification which you receive when the balance drops below a configured amount of your preference. If you would like to access the Scopay account online, please contact the school office for your link code.

Attendance This Week

Every day counts... Your child's attendance matters!



Whole school attendance 98%. Well done Class 4JH – 100% attendance.

Stars of the Week

Year 3: George M, Delia S, Casper K, Nyla A

Year 4: Tom L, Noah H, Ishwyn R, Evie C

Year 5: Finn B, Lauren H, Archie P

Year 6: Sasha M, Luca L, Daniel W, Izzy PM

House Point Winners this week:

Nightingale

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Key Dates

22 Mar 2021	Week 3 Menu
1 Apr 2021	End of Term – early finish; Year 6 @ 12:50, Year 5 @ 1:00, Year 4 @ 1:10, Year 3 @ 1:20
2 Apr 2021	Easter Holiday
19 Apr 2021	Start of Summer Term – all pupils return
3 May 2021	Early May Bank Holiday
31 May 2021	Summer Half Term
23 July 2021	End of Summer Term – 1:20 finish
26 Jul 2021	Summer Holiday



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