

HEADS UP

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TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2020

As we approach the last few weeks of term, I thought it would be good to let you know of some updates.

Corona Virus

I am sure you are all aware of the daily updates that are now being held by Boris Johnson. All schools continue to be guided by the government directives and although school continues to remain open, we have made some adjustments. Our children/visitors are asked to wash their hands on entry to the building, at break and lunchtime. We have now stopped holding whole school assemblies and all activities that involve inviting parents into school or mixing with parents/children from other schools will now be suspended. We would also ask that meetings with teachers/Senior Leadership Team be held by phone, where possible. These measures will unfortunately mean that the **Y3 play will be postponed** until the latter part of the summer term and all matches have been cancelled. School-led clubs will finish as planned on Friday. We are awaiting advice on the Kingswood trip, but are working on the assumption that this will be cancelled. The only trip we are considering at the moment, is the year 4 trip to Whipnade as this is out in the open and they are reporting low numbers of visitors.

At present we are unable to set individual work for children kept off school and we would like to direct all parents to our website. This gives suggested websites to access for activities that will support children in Maths and English. We suggest parents look at the end of year expectations for their year group (under Parents/Homework Help) and work on any activities that will support that outcome. In the event of a whole school closure, all teachers will add work to Google Classroom on a daily basis. All children have been shown how to access Google Classroom and given their passwords. A guide to this will be added to the 'Homework Help' section of website which can be found under 'For Parents'.

We will continue to update parents as soon as we have any further directives from the government. Please ensure that all contact details, including emails and phone numbers, are up to date.

Assistant Headteachers

On a more positive note, I am pleased to announce that Miss Shennan and Miss Jenkins have been appointed as our Assistant Headteachers to support myself and Mr Tavender. Miss Shennan will be responsible for the upper school and Miss Jenkins for the lower school.

Finally, we will continue to keep school as calm and routine as possible in the upcoming weeks and please feel assured that the children are happily carrying on with their everyday learning, even in these challenging times. I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff, who are going out of their way to ensure we can support all our children and families at this time.

Ms Elbourne-Cload

Postponed events up to the end of term.

This is an ever-changing list, please check *Google Calendar* on website.

All sports fixtures
Friday 20 th March - Year 6 Crucial Crew
Friday 20 th March - PTA Flower Sale
Wednesday 25 th March - Year 3 play
Thursday 26 th March - Orchestra assembly
Friday 27 th March - PTA Disco
Tuesday 31 st March - Alban Arena concert
Friday 3 rd April - Year 5 assembly to parents