



Newsletter
27th November 2020

PARTNERSHIP

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. This week, I would like to update you on the following:

Coronavirus

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your continued support during these undoubtedly difficult times for us all. Those of us in school have really missed having all of the children in on site every day, and it was wonderful to be able to welcome year 3 back, after their period of isolation, on Wednesday. On Monday, we are all very much looking forward to the return of years 1, 2 and 4. For years 5 and 6, we all hope that home learning is going well and wish you well for your final week at home.

We have received a few queries from parents on how to log onto Microsoft Teams. Ms. Dewan has very helpfully created a very simple and clear guide for how to do this, and I have attached it to this week's newsletter to support you with this. On this note, please could I remind any parents that, if you have borrowed a school Chromebook, it must be returned to school as soon as your child comes back. We use these devices in lessons in school, and we need them in order to be able to deliver the curriculum once the children are back. Please sign this back in at the school office.

Extra-curricular provision

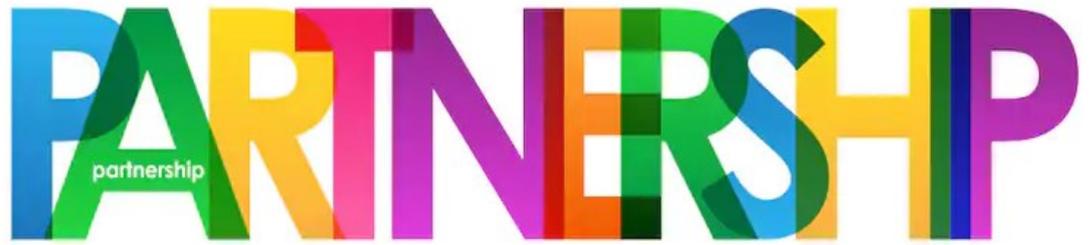
We have taken the difficult decision to temporarily postpone any extra-curricular clubs in school until Christmas. This provision provides much value to the children, but, at this stage, we are seeking to minimise any further risk of additional contacts to keep everyone safe, and which could also then impact further on children being sent home to isolate. Any parents whose children have signed up to Lego Robotics will have been contacted directly, but, to confirm, this will also be postponed until it can be resumed in person. We will review this situation again in January, with the hope to resume this provision as soon as it appears safer to do so. **Energy Kidz and Breakfast Club will continue to run throughout this time.**

Flu vaccinations

Last week, I wrote to you about an additional date for the flu vaccinations in school, to enable children currently in isolation to have this. This date, which was originally the 4th December, has been moved to the 9th December so that year 5 and 6 children can also receive it.

Christmas

This year our Christmas celebrations in school, much like for everyone, will have to run slightly differently to other years. We, like everyone, will be very sad to not be able to celebrate with events such as the nativity, Christmas services in Church, and the Christmas Bazaar. However, we are in the process of compiling a list of events and activities which children will be able to access in the lead up to Christmas. I will share these with you in next week's newsletter. Father Tom will be leading a virtual Advent Mass on Monday, as we enter this very important period for Christians.



Local Carol services

A local church on the Isle of Dogs has written to us to ask us to share their Christmas information regarding a Community competition and Community carol singing. I have attached the flyers to this newsletter, as it could be a lovely way of getting into the Christmas spirit! They are reaching out to families in the hope that taking part in the competition (with a chance to win £100 of Asda vouchers) and other festive activities (all within government guidelines) will bring a smile to some families' faces at this time. If you do have any questions about this, please email pastor@quaystone.org

Tower Hamlets Healthy Lives Team

The Tower Hamlets Healthy Lives Team does a lot of important work in supporting our local community. They work with all school staff, pupils, parents, and governors, and aim to support, encourage and enable children's health and wellbeing. Please do take the time to look at their website, which can be accessed from the link below:

https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/ignl/education_and_learning/The_Healthy_Lives_Team/The_Healthy_Lives_Team.aspx

Finally, I would like to confirm that the last day of this term, Friday 18th December, will be a full day and finish at your child's usual time.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes,

Cristina King
Head of School