



West Kidlington
Primary & Nursery School

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Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Families

Autumn has certainly arrived and with it rain at 3.15pm – just as children make their way home!

COVID Results within school

We will continue to update families with numbers of new positive cases that relate to a class. We will not be sharing information about positive cases of individual staff members with our school community. If any child has any of the three most common symptoms – they must book a PCR.

Parent Meetings

Our Parent Meetings will take place on Tuesday 5th October (6pm finish) and Thursday 7th October (7pm finish). An additional evening for Mrs Reading and Mrs Pitchfork will take place on Monday 4th October (6pm finish). You can book online through Pupil Asset. The booking system will close on Friday 1st October at 7pm. We would prefer all families to come into school and see Teachers face to face. An online meeting has many benefits but talking to your child's class teacher is more personal. If you have a request to make an online meeting, please can you contact the school office. We will be asking parents to wear masks at the meeting and access the classroom in the same way as the children. Please look carefully at who you are booking an appointment with. You can book a meeting with your child's class teacher only. An email reminder was sent on Thursday morning to all of those families who had not yet booked.

Hello Yellow Day – Thursday 7th October

Join thousands of schools, offices and communities on Thursday, 7th October by taking part in **#HelloYellow** and raising vital funds to support our work. Dig out your neon socks, custard scarf and banana hat - let's show young people they're not alone with their mental health! We all struggle with how we're feeling sometimes and it's normal to have ups and downs. This year might have felt a little more down than up. But it's the little things that have got us through it - the morning walks, singing in the shower, the perfect cuppa, that Netflix show that got us all buzzing, the best friend who makes you laugh, the teacher who always has your back.

Saying **#HelloYellow** this World Mental Health Day is a little thing we can do to make a BIG difference to young people's mental health. We are asking the children at West Kidlington to swap one item from their school uniform to wearing something yellow. If you feel your family could donate there will be a collection on the gate. We hope everyone can join in.

Eating vegetables

Vegetables are a key part of a healthy diet, and while we all want to give the children the best possible lunch, it can be a struggle to get children to eat enough of them. Adding an extra portion or two to their packed lunch will help to up their intake. We have included a flyer this week with the newsletter, it shares some easy tips in how to include vegetables.

St Mary's Choristers

St Mary's Choristers is a children's choir based at St Mary's Church, Kidlington. We are looking to recruit new members aged 7+. The choristers are going from strength to strength so this is a great opportunity for local children to be part of something special! Email: stmaryschoristers@gmail.com.

Christmas Card Design

Your child will bring home a Christmas Card design template today. If your child would like to design their own Christmas card, which you will then have the option to purchase, the design needs to be returned to school by **Friday 15th October, 2021**.

Please remember that next **Friday 8th October is an INSET day**, therefore the school is closed to students.

Please take care of one another.

Kind regards.

Mr Isherwood