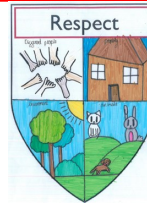
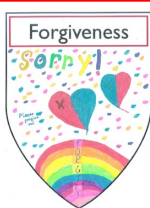


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

'Believe, achieve and shine brighter together'



Spring Newsletter: 21st January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello everyone, I hope you are well. While it is cold on the gate each morning, it is definitely the highlight of my day to say hello to you all.

I'm sure you will all be aware of the Prime Minister's announcement on Wednesday night which relaxes Covid restrictions across the country from the 27th January. However, due to the rising numbers of

Covid cases across school we will not currently be relaxing any of our Covid safety precautions at Oldswinford. The only exception to this may be the expectation that parents wear masks at pick up and drop off. We will continue to monitor the cases across school next week and make a decision nearer the time. We will review this weekly and let you know of any changes as soon as we can.

I hope you are able to have a good weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Take care,

Ellie Game

Keeping Children safe Online

We have had an email from Dudley sharing a link to some brilliant resources that you can share with your children. Each lesson can be delivered in school or by a parent at home. There is no need to register for an account – just go to the Cyber Academy website (weblink detailed below) where you can start the videos, complete the quizzes and download activity sheets. It's another great way to help educate young people to be responsible (and safe) digital citizens.

[Cyber Academy | Internet Safety for Kids & Families \(trendmicro.com\)](https://www.trendmicro.com/CyberAcademy/InternetSafetyforKids&Families)

Friendship

This week we have looked at how good friends encourage each other. We used this quote from the Bible to help us.

***"Encourage one another and build each other up"**
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

A few reminders:

- Unfortunately we have had a number of complaints from local residents and parents about dangerous parking eg parking on the pavement (so buggies can't get past), and parking on road junctions etc at the back of school. Please park sensibly and help to keep our school safe.
- Please can water bottles be filled with water and not juice or squash.
- Can Covid absences please be reported via our contact@oldswinford.dudley.sch.uk email address and any other absence reported via parentmail or over the phone.

INSET DAY

Just a reminder that our next INSET day is on **28th January** so school will be closed for pupils on this day. (It was changed from the 28th February which will no longer be an INSET day and school will be open as normal.)

Someone in school has shared this with us as their child has been really poorly with PIMS after having Covid. They asked us to share this to raise awareness as it wasn't something they had heard of.



PAEDIATRIC INFLAMMATORY MULTISYSTEM SYNDROME (PIMS)



PIMS is a new and very rare condition that happens 4-6 weeks after a child has tested positive for COVID-19 and likely remained well with no symptoms of the virus. PIMS causes inflammation throughout the body. PIMS can be treated with medical help, trust your instincts, you know your own child.

The main symptom of PIMS is a high temperature that lasts for a number of days which you'll find you cannot control at home with over the counter medication. Your child might also have other symptoms such as:

A rash

Tiredness and weakness

Tummy pain or cramps

Red and cracked lips

Swollen hands and feet

Peeling skin on your hands and feet

Headache

Red eyes

Muscle aches and pains

Diarrhoea and vomiting

Swollen neck glands

Unexplained irritability



www.gosh.nhs.uk/conditions-and-treatments/conditions-we-treat/paediatric-inflammatory-multisystem-syndrome-pims/