

Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

'Believe, achieve and shine brighter together'



Autumn Newsletter: 24th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware we have had many additional positive cases of Covid across school. We are now up to 14 in total across the last 2 weeks.

Thankfully the majority of children who are catching it are not getting ill however the adults who are catching it, even though they have been double jabbed, are unfortunately becoming quite unwell.

This is a heartfelt plea to ask you to please take your children for a PCR test if asked to do so or if they are showing any of the wider symptoms, which include **loss of appetite, sore throat, extreme tiredness, sneezing, headache, diarrhoea, joint or muscle ache, vomiting, nausea, rash, runny nose or congestion**. Lateral flow tests should not be used if anyone is showing any of the wider symptoms. They should only be used when asymptomatic.

We appreciate that these symptoms are common at this time of year but, now more than ever, we need to ensure we are thinking of our whole community and keeping everyone as safe as possible. In addition to this, you will of course know that anyone showing any of the 3 main Covid symptoms must isolate and get a PCR test and then follow government guidelines.

Please be assured that we are continuing with all our safety measures which include: frequent hand washing/sanitising, promoting catch it, bin it, kill it culture, extra ventilation across school, wearing of face masks by visitors and parents on site, additional cleaning. We have introduced restricted mixing with some classes and will put this in place as needed.

If you do have any questions please email contact@oldswinford.dudley.sch.uk

Despite all of this, your children are being amazing and continuing to thrive within school. The corridors and classrooms are filled with chatter and learning. Thank you in advance for your support.

Have a lovely weekend and take care,

Ellie Game

Value of the half term...

Creativity

This week we looked at the worlds that each class had created and we explored how we might feel if someone broke or destroyed something they had made. We then linked this to God's world and whether we are looking after it in the way he would want. There were some brilliant discussions in school about this. I'm sure your children will tell you how I 'accidentally' broke some of Year 6's creations as a way of starting this conversation. (Year 6 were in on it)

'Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it'
Genesis 2:15