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Information and Procedures - 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We made it through the most challenging half term ever in my career as a teacher! Today we celebrated the staff at Carpenters spoiling them with special treats, kind words of support and encouragement, as well as appreciating each and every one of them. Without all of their hard work, dedication and support, myself and the Leadership Team would not have been able to succeed in our drive to ensure as many children as possible attended school, continued their learning and most importantly were kept safe.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable half term break, despite the restrictions and we look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 4th November.

Take care

Diane Barrick

Headteacher

COVID-19 Update

This week we received confirmation of another positive case within the school. On Thursday an email was sent to all parents/carers with this information. Most children will have returned to school as normal today and do not need to do anything different. For those children in the affected bubbles, they must now self-isolate at home - a separate letter has been sent to those families providing details of what to do next.

Here are a few questions, which will help you to manage any COVID-19 related illnesses within your family during the half term break:

Why does my child not have to self-isolate if there has been a positive case at Carpenters?

If your child has not had close contact with the positive case, then they do not need to self-isolate. Anybody who we believe had close contact has been notified by a member of school staff.

What happens if me or my family develop symptoms over the half term?

As soon as a member of your household develops any one of the symptoms, the whole family must self-isolate and book a test for the person who is unwell. You can book a test by calling 119, going online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or using the NHS Covid-19 app. Once you receive a negative result, the family can stop self-isolating. However, if you receive a positive result, you must continue to self-isolate until the end of the isolation period. In addition, it is very important that you contact the school so we can decide if any members of the school community may need to self-isolate too. The school's email address - info@carpenters.newham.sch.uk will be checked on a daily basis but only responses to COVID-19 concerns will be provided.

I hope this information is helpful. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call or email the school. In addition, you can always contact Newham's COVID-19 helpline on 0207 473 9711.

Remember - **HANDS, FACE & SPACE!**

Flu Vaccine

We have had a number of queries over the last couple of weeks about the flu vaccine. Parents/Carers have received letters and emails from the NHS about this and are not clear about what is happening and when. I can confirm that School Nurses will be administering the nasal spray in early December, only to those children whose parents/carers have completed the consent forms. These forms will be sent out in the middle of November. Please don't worry, the school will not allow your child to have the vaccine without your consent.

Road Safety

There are a lot of parents/carers dropping off and picking up children by car at the start and end of the day. Please take extra care during this time and avoid any manoeuvres outside the school gates. The safety of our children and their families is really important.

Black History Month Celebrations

What a wonderful way to end the half term. As you know, we launched this special week through a non-uniform day last week, where children wore red to "Show Racism the Red Card". This week children watched a special video as a hook to a scheme of work that was taught across the entire curriculum. Children enjoyed art, reading, writing, history and geography lessons, around their year group's theme.

EYFS - Ourselves - Thinking about our own identity and where we are from.

Year 1 and 2 - Come An' See Anansi

Reading and studying African and Caribbean Tales and studying the geography of Africa and the Caribbean.

Year 3 and 4 - Africa My Story - Through the eyes of a character called Hayley, studying tales of her childhood in Africa, including a brief study of the Slave Trade.

Year 5 and 6 - All Aboard the Empire Windrush - Focusing on the positive impact of migration, children discussed the concept of journeys and celebrated how multicultural Britain is today, thanks to the journeys people have made.

As we stated before, this is the first step in a longer term journey at Carpenters, to acknowledge and celebrate the cultural diversity of our community. So watch this space for news about the next celebration.

School Council

Well done to the many children who completed their manifesto for the school council. There were so many of you - it took ages for some classes to get to the final decision. Well the results are now in:

Congratulations to the following children who will represent their classes as the School Councillor and Deputy.

Marigold: Eva-Rose Mahorn / Jordan Maynard-Hunter

Bluebell: Aisha Yossefi / Kartar Sagoo

Daisy: Ezra Amoah / Carter Johanson

Poppy: Hamjah Ahmed / Aminah Aidarus

Rose: Daniel Elombah / Julia Grochulska

Fern: Arav Mehrotra / Manvi Koriya

Willow: Caleb Mbiya / Mia Toral Kubinska

Pine: Emory Charles / Damien Anku

Oak: Kayleen Fonseca / Alisha Khanom

Chestnut: Eli-Denzil Amoah / Romy Sinclair

Holly: Tasneem Mohamed / Rohaana Abdi

Tulip: Reeko McKenzie / Sky Ward

I am delighted to inform you that Councillor Charlene McLean, Deputy Mayor and a Governor at Carpenters will join the School Council at one of the first meetings after the half term break.

New Menu

I am delighted to inform you that, shortly after the half term break, we will be returning to the old style menu. This will mean 3 options and a range of different foods that we have not been able to provide since we went into lockdown. Details of the new menu will be provided for you to view on the school website by Friday 6th November, with the menu starting from Monday 9th November.

Newham's Black History Month Celebrations 2020

IROKO are an award-winning Theatre Company that spin spellbinding interactive African stories for families. **On Saturday 24th October, at 4.30pm**, Newham residents will be able to join IROKO for an entertaining and inspirational online storytelling performance of [The Legend of Rhomiwa](#) an African tale about equality and social justice. The story is brought alive, using music, songs and dance. Full of fun and excitement and suitable for families.

How to Attend: Booking is not required. The performance will be available to view through the following link at:

<https://www.newhamblackhistory.org/events/iroko-theatre-company-presents-the-legend-of-rhomiwa/> from

4.30pm. Downloadable factsheets are available on registration through [Eventbrite](#).

Strengthening Families - Open Conversation

We have been asked by Newham Council to advertise this event:

Newham Council are providing an opportunity for parents/carers to communicate with them openly and transparently in a safe, non-judgemental environment about their experiences of racism and inequality in Newham. The group events will last for 1 and 1/2 hours and will be held virtually via Zoom. Newham are offering gift vouchers to parents/carers who attend to show their appreciation. In addition, they are also offering a 1:1 conversation via phone or WhatsApp, if parents/carers prefer this method of communication.

If you are a parent/carer in Newham and would like to attend an event, please send your name and contact details to strengthening.families@newham.gov.uk or phone 020 3373 7047.