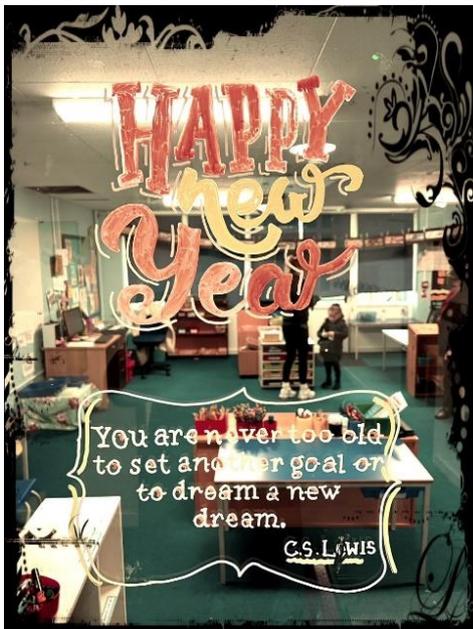


## Newsletter – Friday 14 January 2022

### Headteacher's message

A very happy new year to you all. I hope that you all managed to have a happy and healthy Christmas break. The children have returned to school so positively and seem to be really enjoying their new topics and lessons at the start of the new term.



This new term and new year continues to bring organisational challenges for us. The new Covid variant has begun to affect us quite significantly at Warden House and we have had an increasing number of children and staff who have tested positive and have needed to be off school. We will continue to write to individual classes when we receive confirmation of a positive case to let you know and issue further guidance.

As you may be aware, there have been some recent changes to the Covid isolation rules. Whereas before Christmas, individuals who tested positive were expected to isolate for a full ten days and then seven, **now individuals can exit isolation after five full days of isolation should they test negative on two consecutive LFD**

**tests.** Please [click here](#) to view a helpful picture that explains this.

Please also note that children who test positive on a LFD test without symptoms no longer need to take a confirmatory PCR test. Any positive result must be reported to the NHS in the usual way so that contact tracing can take place. Please see the test kits for further details about this.

We are currently weighing up our options with regards to the parents' evening appointments that are scheduled to take place at the end of this term. We will confirm our plans with you as soon as possible, however we are considering delaying these meetings until after half term – or possibly carrying them out over the phone in the event that cases across the school are still high.

Best wishes, *Mr. Hackett*

### Year 2 visit to the greengrocers

As part of their geography topic this term "Where in the world does our food come from?" our year 2 children in Frogs and Lions classes have been into town to visit Bartlett and White greengrocers to talk about the different fruit and vegetables on sale and where they originate from.

Whilst there, the children got a chance to practice their maths skills and had a go at buying their own produce. The children plan to use these back in school to make something tasty!



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### Parking at the start of the day

Please could all parents dropping off children to breakfast club be mindful not to park or wait in the disabled parking space in our main car park (unless in possession of a blue badge). This space is needed by a member of staff each day at around this time. Many thanks for your understanding.



### Boxing Day Dip

Well done to Scott McNamara and TA Jacqui Williams who took part in this year's Boxing Day dip to raise money for the school. Should any parents wish to support them by making a donation, this can be received via the school office. Thank you!



### Congratulations Miss Mann

We were delighted to hear that our Year 2 Lions Class teacher Miss. Mann gave birth to a baby daughter on Tuesday this week. Mother and baby are doing well. Huge congratulations to Miss. Mann and her family. We look forward to meeting her new arrival in due course.



### Year 5 swimming lessons

Our Year 5 swimming lessons have now begun at Tides leisure centre each week. Please could any parents who have not completed payment for this term's sessions please contact the office to do so as soon as possible. We are really pleased that we have been able to relaunch this vital part of the school curriculum.

**Important:** Year 5 parents, please do remember that children must be collected from Tides at **3pm** on their swimming day. As an absolute last resort, any parents whose child requires transport back to school must speak to the class teacher to agree this in advance as there are firm limitations on space on the minibus.



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### Pantomime thanks

Those who attended had an absolutely fantastic time at the Marlowe Theatre pantomime at the end of last term. Jack and the Beanstalk was a really super show and the children really enjoyed the experience of the theatre – singing and dancing along and having a super time.

Huge thanks to Mrs. Creed for all of her hard work in organising a visit for nearly 450 children and adults – that really is no small feat! We were so sorry that quite a large group of children missed out on attending, either due to illness or due to the Covid isolation rules that had to be applied following an outbreak in Year 6.



### New intake tours

Our tours for the new intake in September have now closed. Please do not forget that applications close on Monday 17 January 2022. Please [click here](#) to apply via KCC.



For any last minute visitors, please check out our video tour on our website to find out more about life at Warden House. [Click here](#) to view this.

### Football Tournament

Our football team were once again fantastic ambassadors for the school as they took part in the district finals at Thamesmead in London last Friday. They played some very talented teams and finished in fourth place over all. A huge well done to all who took part - and thank you to Mr. Austin and Mr. Sargent for organising the trip.



### New school football and sports kits

We absolutely love the new football and sports kits that have been provided through PTFA fundraising and also Dover District Council. We are incredibly grateful for their support and think they look super.



We are also incredibly grateful to Jenkinson's Estate Agents who have also agreed to sponsor an additional kit for our girls' football team. We will share further details of this next week when it is worn for the first time in a match on Tuesday after school against Deal Parochial.



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### Covid guidance

We ask all parents and carers to continue to be cautious when presented with any illness in our children.



Children must not be sent into school if they are displaying any of the three main Covid symptoms:

- a new and continuous cough
- a temperature
- a loss of taste or smell

If children have experienced Covid symptoms, they MUST NOT return to school until they have received a negative PCR test. If you are unwilling or unable to provide your child with a PCR test, they must then isolate at home for the full isolation period. NHS 119 are able to advise you on the exact time if you are uncertain.

Please continue to be aware that children currently being diagnosed with Covid are experiencing symptoms such as tiredness, runny/snotty nose, tummy ache and headache. If you are in any doubt - or if your child is unwell, please keep them at home and seek a PCR test (not a home LFD test). We have a limited supply of postal PCR tests in school should you require one.

If your child is at home but well enough for school work, please let us know so that their teacher can provide work via Teams or Tapestry.

### Key dates

Key Dates Terms 3, 4, 5 and 6	
<b>Term 3 Starts</b>	Tuesday 4 January 2022
<b>Year 5 Giraffes Swimming at Tides</b>	Every Tuesday
<b>Year 5 Pandas Swimming at Tides</b>	Every Friday
<b>Year 5 Elephants Swimming at Tides</b>	Every Thursday
<b>Year 5 and 6 Choir trip to the O2 Arena for Young Voices</b>	New date to be arranged in Term 5
<b>Parents' Evenings</b>	Final details to be confirmed in light of Covid rates in school.
<b>Class Photos by Kittle</b>	Friday 11 March 2022
<b>Fantastic Fred (NHS Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshops)</b>	Friday 25 March 2022
<b>Year 6 PGL Residential Trip to Windmill Hill East Sussex.</b>	Wednesday 30 March 2022- Friday 1 April 2022
<b>Additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee</b>	Monday 6 June 2022 School closed to all staff and pupils.