



Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's message

Dear all,

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and would like to wish you a Happy and prosperous New Year.

This week I have been talking to all of the students about their reflections and resolutions for the coming year during their assemblies. The start of a new year is always a good time to think about things that you'd like to do differently, or attempt that are different to normal. Ideas that fit with the whole school vision, ethos and improvement plan would be:

- Read on a more regular basis (pupil are taking reading age tests at the moment so it is worth discussing their reading progress at home).
- Read a more challenging range of texts
- Independently practice their learning at home by completing homework tasks, or online programmes such as Bedrock, Tassomai, etc on a regular basis to consolidate learning
- Participate in one of our new or existing extracurricular activities
- Improve their attendance and punctuality
- Reflect on their behaviour records and set targets to improve their conduct

In the coming weeks I am going to be sending out information about a new Home-school communication policy. Now that we are a larger school we need to streamline and clarify the best people to send communications to, and ensure that time spent dealing with emails or phonecalls is an efficient use of our staff time whilst their core purpose is to provide the best possible education to our pupils. This will also change some of the email addresses that are currently on our website. It will also outline our expected response to communication that is rude or aggressive towards or staff.

Work has started at Holder's Road Field on the fence that will help to improve our Sports facilities. We have had reports of our pupils using private property to cut through. Please can you remind pupils that they should not be trespassing on the way to school, and to respect the community. We realise that the fence means that some pupils will need to walk around the field instead of previously cutting through, but the development is for the greater good of all of our pupils and an earlier set off time may be needed.

For those planning ahead for their holidays the dates and TD days for 2023 /2024 are now available on our website via - <https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/app/uploads/2023/01/Term-dates-2023--2024.pdf>

UPCOMING DATES JANUARY

Monday 9th
Army Teambuilding Day
(invited students only)

Thursday 12th
Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 27th
Tate Modern Trip

Monday 30th
Poetry Live Trip (Bath)

FEBRUARY Friday 10th END OF TERM



Wiltshire Council are promoting the following walk in vaccine clinics for January.

We have the following clinics available

Tuesday 10th January 2023 Friary Community Centre 112 Carmelite Way, Salisbury SP1 2HW 09.00am -15.00pm Adults only 1st and 2nd COVID doses, Boosters, Flu for those who are eligible

Saturday 14th January 2023 Bemerton Heath Centre 58-60 Pinewood Way Salisbury SP2 9HU 9.30am -14.00pm Open to children 5-11years(for children who were 5 on or before 31st August 2022) 1st and 2nd COVID doses and all adults over 12 yr olds in yr8+. 1st & 2nd doses & boosters, Adults Flu vaccine also available. for those who are eligible.

Tuesday 17th January 2023 Friary Community Centre 112 Carmelite Way, Salisbury SP1 2HW 09.00am -15.00pm Adults only 1st and 2nd COVID doses, Boosters, Flu for those who are eligible

Saturday 21st January 2023 Bemerton Heath Centre 58-60 Pinewood Way Salisbury SP2 9HU 9.30am -14.00pm Open to children 5-11years(for children who were 5 on or before 31st August 2022) 1st and 2nd COVID doses and all adults over 12 yr olds in yr8+. 1st & 2nd doses & boosters, Adults Flu vaccine also available. for those who are eligible

Tuesday 24th January 2023 Friary Community Centre 112 Carmelite Way, Salisbury SP1 2HW 09.00am -15.00pm Adults only 1st and 2nd COVID doses, Boosters, Flu for those who are eligible

Saturday 28st January 2023 Bemerton Heath Centre 58-60 Pinewood Way Salisbury SP2 9HU 9.30am -14.00pm Open to children 5-11years(for children who were 5 on or before 31st August 2022) 1st and 2nd COVID doses and all adults over 12 yr olds in yr8+. 1st & 2nd doses & boosters, Adults Flu vaccine also available. for those who are eligible

Tuesday 31st January 2023 Friary Community Centre 112 Carmelite Way, Salisbury SP1 2HW 09.00am -15.00pm Adults only 1st and 2nd COVID doses, Boosters, Flu for those who are eligible

SCIENCE CLUB

This week we will be making honeycomb



When: Wednesday 11th January

Where : 0-49 & Food area

When : 2.55pm-3.55pm



BACK TO SCHOOL ADVICE ISSUED AMID HIGH LEVELS OF FLU, COVID-19 AND SCARLET FEVER

From: UK Health Security Agency

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Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), said:

"It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has resolved."

"Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading."

"Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent."

"Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late."

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information getting your child vaccinated against flu on [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk).

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

Maths Homework Club

Thursdays
2:50pm - 3:30pm
Room 81

Need help with your maths homework?
Come along!



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**Phase 2
Progress so far ...**

