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Dear Parents

As we are at the half-way point of the school year, I thought I'd just write to give you a quick update on school.

Covid

I am pleased to be able to inform you that for the first time since before Christmas we have no staff currently off with Covid and no children off with it either. The last month or so has been a trying time for us all but we were fortunate to not get as badly hit with Covid as many other schools did. Fingers crossed we have seen the last of the major disruptions. I'd like to thank everyone for the continued support throughout the whole pandemic.

Remember if your child does test positive at any point and is well enough to do some school work, then we can supply you with a school laptop if needed and teachers will email out work to do.

Free School Meals Vouchers

School has received funding to cover free school meal provision during half-term for those children who are eligible. This doesn't include those who receive a free school meal as part of the universal free school meal programme (the one that allows all reception and infant children to have a free school meal).

School has been given £35 for each eligible child. As normal, we will be using this to purchase Tesco vouchers. We intend to purchase and distribute them by the start of next week.

The scheme will be repeated during Easter holidays – when each eligible child will receive £70 to cover the two weeks. If you think you may be eligible but have not yet applied then please check <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-meals.aspx> where you find the eligibility criteria and a link to apply online.

Miss Curry and Miss Preugschat

Miss Curry will be returning to school from March 1st following her maternity leave. She will be returning to her role as Year 1 teacher on a part-time basis. Mrs Duncan and Miss Curry will job share for the rest of the academic year.

Miss Curry will teach Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; Mrs Duncan will do Thursdays and Fridays. Both teachers will continued to be supported by Miss Price.

While we are talking about pregnancy related issues, I can share with you Miss Preugschat's wonderful news that she is expecting her first child later in the year. Baby is due around mid-May.



The current Covid rules do allow Miss Preugschat to remain teaching in Year 4 throughout her pregnancy. I'm sure you will join me in passing on our best wishes to Miss Preugschat.

Holiday and Wraparound Club

PES are holding a half-term football and multi-sports club over 4 days in the half-term: Monday to Thursday. If you are interested in a place then please contact Danielle at elton@pes-clubs.co.uk to book. Danielle does still have some free - fully funded – places for children eligible for free school meals.

While we are talking about PES I thought it would be a good idea to just clarify their role in school. The PES wraparound club and holiday clubs are a completely separate entity to the school: they just hire the school premises for their activities. They have their own policies and procedures and their own OFSTED registration and inspections. This is why it is necessary to make any booking and communications with Danielle.

We also hire sports coaches from PES to help deliver some PE lessons alongside school staff. During these times the school is fully in charge. A school staff member is always in the PE session to be in charge of any pastoral issues and to support the activities. The two coaches currently are Molly and Ben. Molly is the lead coach - she has a Level 3 in coaching and development and is currently completing a degree in sport coaching at Liverpool University. She is supported by Ben. Molly and Ben are also the supervisors who lead the wraparound provision at our school.

I will just finish with a reminder that we break up for half-term next Friday – 18th February. We return for on 28th February for our shortest half-term of the year. Next term will see us host more parents evenings on 22nd and 23rd March: details of which will be shared at the start of next term.

Yours truly



K Manning

Head teacher

