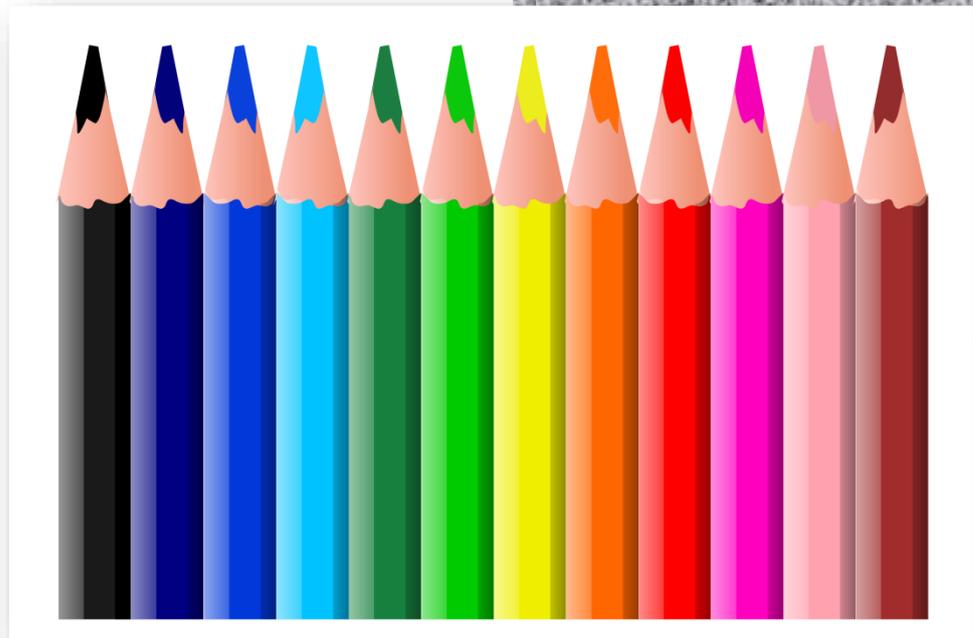


16th October

2020

Covid 19 update for Parents



Here's what you need to know in 5 minutes...

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Attendance

Following on from last week's report, I thought it would be useful for you to see the most up to date attendance percentages, in comparison to the equivalent period last year. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring that your children have high attendance; they will reap the rewards of this in the future.

Attendance Percentage 2020		Comparative attendance 2019	
Monday 12 th	97.91%	Monday 14 th October	98.89%
Tuesday 13 th	97.91%	Tuesday 15 th October	98.52%
Wednesday 14 th	93.72%.	Wednesday 16 th October	98.52%.
Thursday 15 th	97.07%	Thursday 17 th October	98.89%
Friday 16 th	94.14%.	Friday 18 th October	97.04%
Average percentage	96.15%	Average percentage	98.37%

The ongoing plan

As I reported to you in my update on the 25th September, we have decided to change our timings for the beginning and ending of the school day, in order to bring them more in line with our previous timings.

From *Monday 2nd November*, the gate will be open from *8.30am to 8.50am* each morning. Please could you ask your child to queue outside the Langley Road gate, whichever side is appropriate to the way they come to school. You will notice that we have footprints marked on the pavement to give a social distancing guide.

We will continue to send the children straight into class, where they will be welcomed by their Class Teacher.

At the end of the day, we will continue to operate the same system of dismissal. The *only* change will be that years 5 and 6 will be dismissed at the new time of *3.15pm*, and years 3 and 4 will be dismissed at the new time of *3.20pm until 3.30pm*.

Covid 19 cases

As you know, we took the decision to organise the children into class groups, enabling us to close only one class group should we have a positive Covid 19 test within your child's class.

Several children have had a covid 19 test when they have exhibited symptoms, but, so far, these tests have all been negative.

I wanted to reassure you that, should we have a positive test from anyone working within your child's class, I will immediately inform every family in that class, and the class will be closed.

You will be asked to follow the government guidance and isolate your child for 14 days.

If we have a positive case, we will be taking advice from Public Health England, to ensure that we are taking every appropriate measure for the safety of all concerned.

Thank you to all the parents who have kept us really well informed with regards to covid 19 test results.

Home Learning

If your child is away from school as a result of needing to isolate, please let us know if they are well enough to access home learning. This will enable their Class Teacher to provide work for them to complete during their time at home. Please contact the school either by phone 01923 238784 or by email admin@nascotwoodjm.herts.sch.uk

Behaviour after school

Most of the children are walking home very sensibly, and seem to be rising to the challenge of this increased responsibility. It has been brought to my attention that there have been one or two instances of boisterous behaviour, either whilst walking home or in the park at Cala Homes.

Please could you remind your children of the importance of behaving sensibly after school.

What do we need you to do?

Thank you for all that you have done and are doing to support us with our systems and procedures. It is thanks to you that we have been able to operate as smoothly as we have.

I don't have anything additional to ask you this week, but here is a reminder of what I asked of you last week:

- If your child is showing symptoms of Covid 19, please keep them at home and isolate the whole family until they have had a negative test. Please *do not* send any siblings to school, even if they attend a different school and have no symptoms
- If your child has forgotten to bring an item to school, for example, their pencil case, we ask that it is left at home for the day, rather than you returning to school to bring it. *This does not include packed lunches*
- We have not received any emails to tell us about any difficulties accessing google classroom at home. If you do have any ICT issues, please let us know by emailing us, help@nascotwoodjm.herts.sch.uk and we will do our best to support you in this matter
- Just a reminder that the school office is not open to parents at the moment. Please email any questions to the office, admin@nascotwoodjm.herts.sch.uk or post any letters in the school postbox, which is situated to the right of the main school reception
- For the moment, we are not distributing any birthday sweets in class, to avoid any unnecessary points of contact

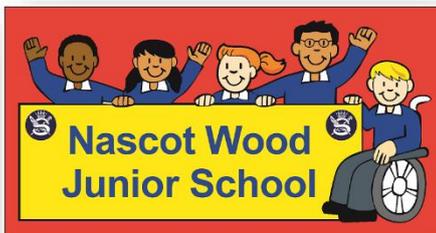
Maths Whizz

Following on from my letter about Maths Whizz, we have received 110 subscriptions so far. As you will remember, the school can offer parents an annual subscription of only £18.50, (which equates to 7 cups of posh coffee), in comparison to an individual subscription of £19.99 per month, based on an uptake of *at least* 200 individual subscriptions.

I have decided to extend the deadline for payment until midnight on Sunday 18th October, to see if we can reach 200 subscriptions, enabling us to move forward with this offer. Please note that the school will pay the subscription for any children who are eligible for free school meals.

Maths Whizz is an excellent online resource that enables the children to practice their mathematical skills independently, following a clear structure, and I do hope that we will reach our target so that the children can continue to benefit from this resource.

Achievement Assembly including presentation of House Captains



This week's assembly features the presentation of the new Year 6 House Captains.

The children will be shown this recording in their classrooms, and you can also access it on the school's facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/nascotwoodjuniorschool/videos/330436484912981>

I hope you enjoy it,

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