

*Remember, remember the 5th of November,
Gunpowder, treason and plot*

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Friday 5th November 2021



*She stands
In tattered gold
Tossing bits of amber
And jade
Jewels of a year
Grown old:
November*

Zephyr Ware Tarver

Dear Parents,



I hope that you and your children had a lovely half-term holiday.

I am pleased to tell you that, following the additional measures that we have put in place, our covid 19 cases have reduced.

Thank you for all your ongoing support. It is particularly helpful that you inform us when you have a case in your family, enabling us to make prompt and informed decisions about any necessary action.

Hertfordshire schools have been asked to circulate a letter to parents from Jim McManus, who is Director of Public Health and Chair of Hertfordshire Health Protection Board.

Please see the letter below.

With best wishes,

Christina Singh

Headteacher



Dear parents and carers,

Additional coronavirus (COVID-19) measures for all early-years settings and schools

You will be aware that nationally cases of COVID-19 are currently high, and Hertfordshire is no different with the highest number of cases in children and young people.

As a result, we are asking all schools and early-years settings to implement some additional public health measures.

By acting quickly ahead of winter we can all help reduce the spread of the virus and protect each other and the most vulnerable members of our communities.

From today, we are recommending that:

In secondary schools – staff, visitors and students wear face coverings at all times within the school setting, except when:

- wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE or Music lessons
- outside on school premises
- eating or drinking
- someone is exempt from wearing face coverings –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

In early years, primary and special schools – staff and visitors wear face coverings when interacting with other adults within the setting, except when:

- outside on school premises
- eating or drinking
- someone is exempt from wearing face coverings –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

Everyone aged 11 and over should continue to wear face coverings when travelling on public and/or home to school transport as advised. Parents and carers visiting for drop off/pick up or entering premises in general should also wear face coverings when inside or when they cannot keep a distance.

If a school or setting has an outbreak there may be further local measures, such as asking siblings of a positive case to isolate and daily testing for secondary school students, that your child may be asked to take. Your child's nursery, school or college will contact you directly in these instances.

These additional measures will be required until the end of term and will be regularly reviewed every two weeks. If there is a reduction in case rates of COVID-19, these recommendations may be lifted.



COVID-19 has not gone away. While the NHS work hard to get as many people who are eligible vaccinated against the virus as possible, there are things we can all do to play our part and help reduce pressures on our health services this winter.

Regular testing

In addition to wearing face coverings, testing can help to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Free rapid (lateral flow) tests should be completed regularly by children in year 7 and above. If you receive a positive result, please book a PCR test to confirm the result – do not send children into school following a positive test result.

Please only use a rapid test if you do not have symptoms of COVID-19.

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 – a new or continuous cough, high

temperature, loss or change of taste or smell – you should get a PCR test:

www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

- If you test positive you must stay at home. If you need help to self-isolate at home, contact HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net



Vaccination

One of the best ways to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated.

Everyone aged over 12 who is eligible has now been invited to receive their COVID-19 vaccine and/or booster, find out how to get yours locally at: www.healthierfuture.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support for your nursery, school or college.

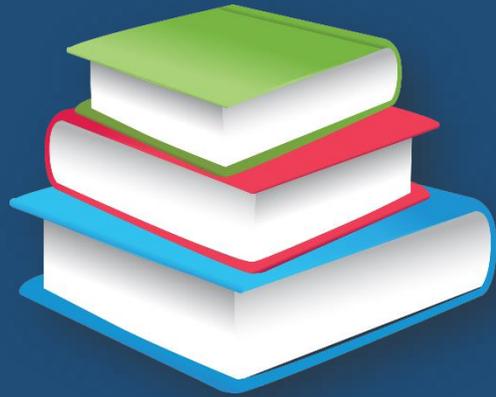
Yours sincerely,

Jim McManus

*Director of Public Health and Chair
of Hertfordshire Health Protection Board*



Reminder: Parent consultations



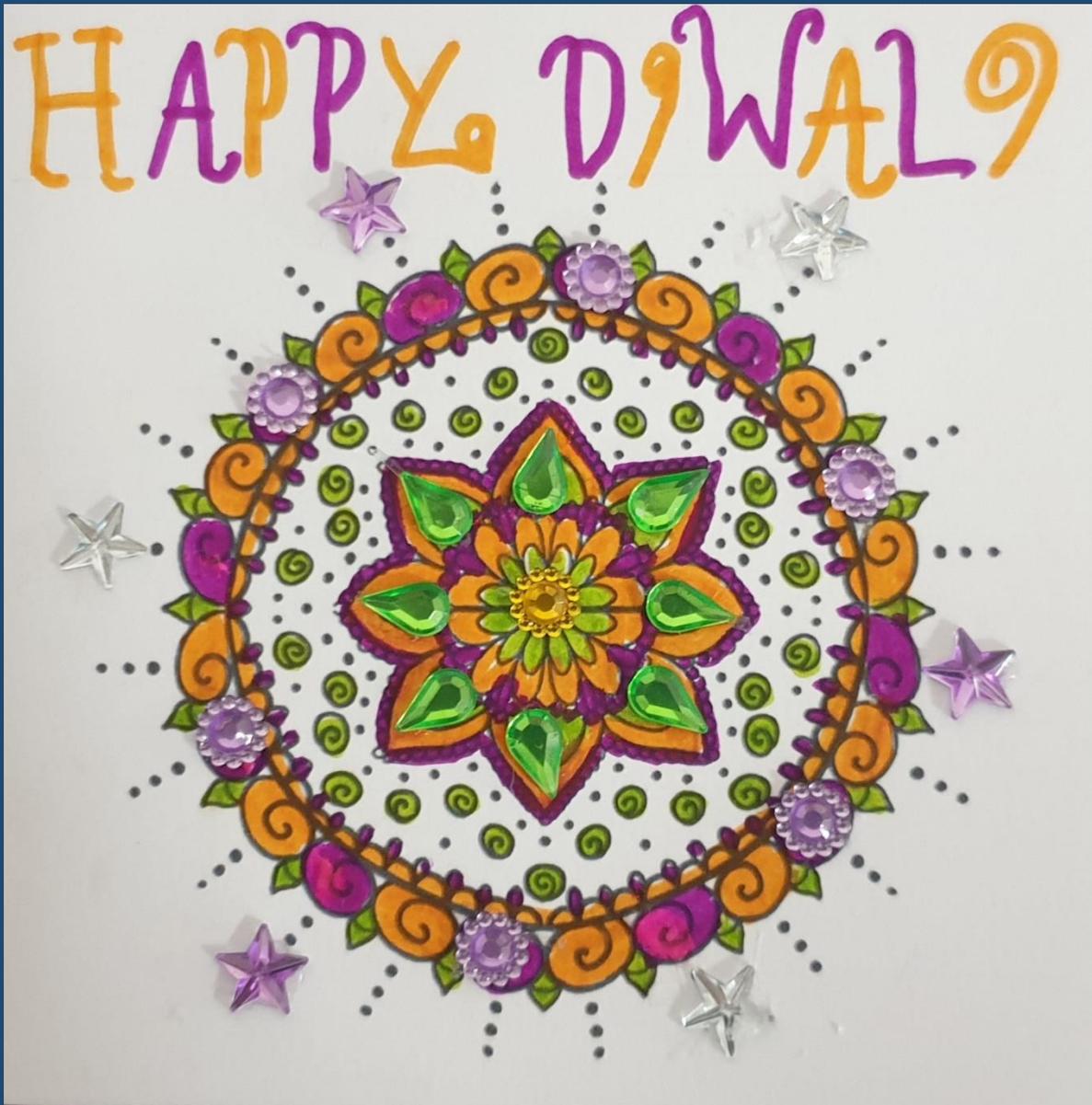
Parent consultations will take place between Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th November via google meet.

The parents evening booking system is still open if you have not yet booked your appointment.

Each meeting will last for 10 minutes, and you will need to use your *child's google username and password* to join the consultation.

Further details about how to access the consultations will be sent out next week.

We are looking forward to meeting with you to tell you about your child's progress.



Jamie, year 5 Beech

Diwali is a festival of lights and one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and some Buddhists. Diwali symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.

Wishing you all a very Happy Diwali!

Stars of the week 5th November 2021



The following children have been nominated by their Class Teachers to be star of the week this week, for an aspect of learning, an achievement or positive behaviour. However, all the children deserve congratulations for a successful week.

Class	Nominee	Reason
Holly	Jayden	For being really proactive and working his socks off this week!
Willow	Gurtaran	For working hard to improve your handwriting. Your presentation this week has been fantastic. Well done.
Oak	Vithuran	For always having a positive attitude to learning and trying his best to tackle every challenge he is given.
Juniper	Szymon	For working hard to further his problem solving skills when solving missing number problems in maths.
Elm	Florence	For her incredible writing in English and dedicated attitude to learning.
Beech	Alisa	For showing a very insightful understanding in Science, using lots of ideas from previous learning.
Rowan	Kornelia	For taking a proactive and determined approach to catching up with and completing work.
Poplar	Sam	For his excellent organisation and team skills in orienteering.