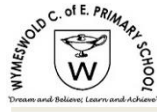


Spring Term Newsletter 1

Friday 13th January 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term. The children have been telling us about all the fun and enjoyment they had over Christmas and New Year. Please can I pass on the thanks of all the staff and myself for all the lovely cards, gifts and thoughts that we received before Christmas.

We look forward to welcoming parents to our maths open morning next week. We have another open morning after half term. Next term we will put the open mornings on different days so they are not all on Wednesdays.

We have a lot planned for the children this term.

Mrs Scallon

Maths Open Morning

On Wednesday 18th January 2023, we will be having a Maths Open Morning. We would like to invite our families in to school to see the fantastic Maths work that goes on throughout Wymeswold School. We will be welcoming visitors into our Maths lessons from 9:30am (please sign in at reception) until 10:30am. You will be able to visit as many classes as you wish to see the Maths learning that takes place and the progression throughout the school, or you could simply visit your own child's class if you wish. At 10:30am, we would like to invite you to join us for a tea or coffee in the hall, where we will be sharing some tips on how to help your child at home, as well as some Year 6 SAT's papers for you to have a go at!

We hope you can join us for this event and look forward to being able to share the fantastic work our children do each day.

Monday 16 th January	Whole School	Gymnastics
Wednesday 18 th January	Whole School	Open morning
Tuesday 14 th February	EYFS/ Year 6	Heights and weights
February 20 th – Friday 24 th Feb	Whole School	Half term
Week beginning February 27 th *NEW DATE*	Year 5	Bikeability
Wednesday 15 th March	Whole School	Open morning
Mon 27 th – Tue 28 th March	Year 1/ 2	Beaumanor residential (letter will be sent next week)
Friday 31 st March	Whole School	Finish for Easter
Monday 17 th April	Whole School	Start of the Summer term
Mon 24 th – Wed 26 th April	Year 3/ 4	How Hill Residential
Wednesday 14 th – Fri 16 th July	Year 5/6	Residential

Gymnastics Taster Day

On Monday 16th January 2023, we will be having a 'Gymnastics taster day'.

During the day each class will have the opportunity to learn about Gymnastics and have a Gymnastics PE session.

These sessions will be run by 'Premier Education Group.'

On this date, please ensure that your child comes into school in their PE kit. These sessions will be inside so please ensure that they are dress appropriately for gymnastics. They will also need a water bottle.

Strep A – this is the guidance from the Department for Education

Strep A and scarlet fever – what are they and what are the symptoms? Information for parents, schools, colleges and early years providers

We are seeing an increased number of cases of Group A streptococcus (Strep A) compared to normal at this time of year. There is no evidence that a new strain is circulating and the increase is most likely related to high amounts of circulating bacteria and social mixing.

If you suspect your child may have Strep A they should not attend school and you should contact your doctor (or 999 in an emergency). If there are confirmed or suspected cases in an education setting there is no reason for children to be kept at home if they are well.

There are some circumstances where a school or provider may need to contact their local UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) healthcare protection teams (HPTs) for advice. HPTs will provide advice on what steps to take on a case-by-case basis depending on specific circumstances.

Further information for staff on how and when to do this can be found here: [Managing outbreaks and incidents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

As a precaution, here we provide information for schools and early years providers and parents on the signs and symptoms of Strep A infections and what to do if you think a child has developed these.

What are scarlet fever and Strep A?

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called Group A streptococci (Strep A). The bacteria usually cause a mild infection that can be easily treated with antibiotics.

In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

How can I prevent Strep A?

Good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs.

By teaching children how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up or spreading infections.

What are the symptoms of Strep A/scarlet fever?

Symptoms can include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel.

My child is unwell and may have scarlet fever – what should I do?

If your child becomes unwell with these symptoms, you should contact your GP practice or contact NHS 111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice.

It is important to contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection.

You must tell NHS 111 or your GP if you or your child have been in contact with someone who has had Strep A recently.

If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

your child is getting worse

your child is feeding or eating much less than normal

your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration

your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher

your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty

your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
there are pauses when your child breathes

your child's [skin, tongue or lips are blue](#)

your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.

Where can I get the latest information?

The most accurate and up-to-date information can be found on the UKHSA website: [UKHSA update on scarlet fever and invasive Group A strep - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

Young Voices

On Thursday 12th January KS2 went to Young Voices concert at Birmingham Resorts Arena. They took part in a massed choir of over 6500 children, watched by over 6000 parents in the evening. It was an amazing experience for the children, and they got to sing a song with Heather Small. The children were brilliantly behaved throughout the day.

Thank you to Mrs Evans for organising the event and teaching the children all the songs and actions. Thank you to Mrs Moore Miss Riddell, Miss Billson and Lynne Dales for accompanying the children.

