



## November 2020 newsletter

***This term our values are 'Generosity and Compassion'***

### Health and Safety

Please ensure that all earrings are removed on PE days or that they are taped during the lesson.

### Training day

We are closed this Friday (27th November) for a training day.

### COVID update

As a school we are constantly reviewing our risk assessments to ensure that our school is as safe as it can be. Many schools in the local area are finding staffing a challenge due to people isolating. At the moment this is not an issue for our school. However, as time progresses we will continue to monitor the situation and ensure that we continue to provide the highest standard of education that we can as we move forward. Please rest assured that if there is a positive case at our school we would immediately notify any children or adults that have been identified as a contact.

We have a designated school nurse who is constantly on hand for advice and we are constantly updated by the DfE and Public Health England. Please be assured that we are doing everything in our power to make our school safe.

### Christmas arrangements

We know that many of you have questions about the arrangements over Christmas. We are working hard behind the scenes to give the children as "normal" a Christmas as possible. This obviously, will take lots of planning and lots of risk

assessments that will need to be authorised by the academy. Please bear with us and we will have full details by the beginning of next week.

### Attendance

We are pleased with the attendance across the school as we have returned back to full school opening. We are aiming for every year group to have an attendance of at least 97%. Here are our attendance percentages to date.

FS2	97
Year 1	96
Year 2	98
Year 3	96.5
Year 4	96
Year 5	96.6
Year 6	97.6

Thank you for supporting us with our attendance. As a whole school our attendance is 97% which is what we are aiming for.

### Keeping in touch

We put a lot of our learning experiences on Twitter to share with parents. Please follow us at [@PatPriAcad](#) to see the exciting things that are going on in school. A reminder that there is a wealth of information on the school website: [www.patrington.ebor.academy](http://www.patrington.ebor.academy) Should you have any concerns or issues regarding your child please do speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

### Online learning

If your child has to isolate for any reason work will be provided at the end of each day for the next one. We appreciate that some children may be ill and that working from home is not possible. However, there is an expectation that if your child is isolating due to other family members or due to being a contact that they complete the work set. This will be monitored by the school as it is now a legal requirement to provide the work.

## **Homework**

We have had a few questions about homework over the last few weeks. All of our homework is on google classroom now. This is to reduce the amount of paper travelling between school and home and also to ensure that all parents can see what homework is available for your child. We also now have all spelling homework through Spelling Shed. If your child does not have a log in for spelling shed please contact your child's class teacher for these details.

We also expect the children to read at home each night as part of their homework time.

## **Remembrance**

Thank you to all parents who purchased a poppy from the school. We were keen to ensure that we continued to support the Royal British Legion at this difficult time. Each class held a remembrance worship and we upheld the 11 o clock silence.

## **Parents' evening**

Parents' evening went well considering the strange times. The staff enjoyed the opportunity to discuss your children with you. If you did not receive a call and would like a member of staff to contact you please email admin.pat@ebor.academy

## **SATS and testing**

The government has informed us that SATs will take place next year. These are as follows:

Year 2 SATS are to run throughout May,

Year 6 SATS are w/c 10.5.2021

Year 2 will sit a phonics screening check between half term and Christmas (this is due to them missing the check in Year 1)

Year 1 phonics screening check is w/c 7th June 2021.

Please ensure that your children are in school during these times if they have testing. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Contact details**

Please ensure that the school has your current contact information. We are aware that many people are working from their usual location and just want to be sure we can contact parents if necessary.

## **Internet safety**

Please find the following link to guidance on keeping safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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