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# HOMEFIELD NEWS

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## Welcome Back and Happy New Year

I would like to welcome you all back to school after the Christmas holiday and hope that you had a good break and that your festivities weren't affected too much by COVID infections or isolations.

This term seems to be starting where last term ended with some children having tested positive for COVID and not in school. There has been some new guidance around self-isolation period and testing which I have set out in a separate item in this newsletter. We have begun to send out parent joining codes for Marvellous Me which will be used to communicate with you about children's learning. Please download the app and sign up to this so that you will be able to receive positive messages from your child's class teachers or other adults in school.

We will be continuing with the hygiene measures in school and until advised otherwise we will be limiting visitors to school so that we can do everything we can to keep staff and children safe.

Take care

*Mrs Glendinning*

### COVID-19 Updated Guidance on Testing and Isolation

Children should not come into school if they have any symptoms of COVID 19, have had a positive test result or are at risk of passing on COVID-19 because they should be quarantining.

If a child in school develops symptoms, no matter how mild, they will be sent home and should be collected by a member of their family or household. The household, including siblings, should follow the UKHSA stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

Children with a positive LFD test result should also self-isolate in line with the above guidance and will need to have a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19. They will need to isolate while waiting for the result. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the LFD test and is negative, then the child can return to school if they have no symptoms.

If a child tests positive then they can return to school on Day 7 instead of 10 providing they have 2 negative LFD tests at least 24 hours apart on days 6 and 7 of their isolation. There is no need for primary age pupils to regularly test unless they have been identified as a contact of someone testing positive and are advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the school as safe as possible for everyone.

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### **Golden Awards**

We did not give out any golden awards this week due to the children only being back in school for 3 days. They will begin as usual next Friday.

### **Premier Education**

Premier Sport will be working with teachers to provide high quality PE lessons for all classes on Mondays and Fridays. They will also run lunch time clubs as well after school clubs on those days so that children get more opportunities to be active and take part in a range of sports and activities. We are looking forward to working with them for the next 2 terms and are sure that children will enjoy the opportunities and experiences this will bring to Homefield.

### **Term Dates**

#### **Spring Term 2022**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022** – Children return to school

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022** – Break up for half term

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022** – Return to school

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022** – Break up for Easter

#### **Summer Term 2022**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022** – Children return to school

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022** – Break up for Half Term and Queen's Jubilee

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022** – Return to school

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022** – Break up for summer holidays

#### **For Information**

**Just be aware that the February half term and the Easter holidays are different than Suffolk schools. This may impact anyone with children in schools in both counties.**

### **Marvellous Me!**

Join codes are being sent out for you to use and share if you wish. Teachers are really looking forward to keeping you informed about your child's learning in a fun and positive way.

**Game of Actual Life (GOAL)** is coming to Year 6 children at Homefield.

Game of Actual Life is a Life Skills programme for primary school children. It helps pupils understand some of the trickier aspects of maths all through real life situations. The course helps demystify bank accounts, mortgages and pensions through hands-on games and challenges.

We start the Tuesday morning sessions with a magic trick – we click our fingers, and the children turn into 22-year-olds. It's as if they've finished school, been through university and now they're building their future. Then we've got loads of different games and interactive challenges to help them learn about all aspects of adult life. They get to make their own decisions and choices, choosing their car, phone and house, all based on their bank account.

### **Year 6 Residential**

We are taking Year 6 children to Norfolk Lakes for 3 days at the end of March. They will have the opportunity to take part in a range of outdoor activities such as kayaking, climbing, abseiling, caving and fencing. We have a good take-up, and we are keeping everything crossed that this goes ahead.

*As you can see there are a lot of great things to look forward to and we are very excited about what the term will bring. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!*