



Head Teacher – Mr M Loveridge

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Message from Head Teacher

As we head towards the half-term break, which I'm sure many of you are looking forward to, I wanted to extend my thanks to you for the part you are playing in keeping your family (our students) safe and for the amazing support you are giving us in these difficult times. After what has been a difficult seven months, I hope that you and your family enjoy the half term break.

We know there's so much information available and it's hard to keep track, particularly on when or when not to get tested for COVID-19, so I thought it would be helpful to share some key information.

If you, or a member of your household, have the following COVID-19 symptoms you must self-isolate and get a test done as soon as possible:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You can book a test at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

The easiest way to prevent getting COVID-19 is to keep following the guidance from central government.

- **Wash hands** – keep washing hands regularly
- **Wear face coverings** in enclosed spaces
- **Make space** – stay at least 2 meters apart or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions
- **Follow** the Rule of Six

If you have any concerns or questions related to Covid-19, then please do contact the school. Thank you to all of you for keeping us informed about symptoms, tests and test results within your family. It is greatly appreciated and allows us to keep the whole school community safe.

Value for Term 2 – Responsibility



The value that we will focus on in term 2 is **Responsibility**. Included with our newsletter is a poster about this value for you to have at home. If you would like to work with us to explore and develop this core value, here are a few ideas for you to use at home:

- Display the Responsibility Poster at home and refer to it when members of the family show that they are being guided by this value.
- Give your son or daughter a new responsibility that will last for the term, such as looking after a plant, sorting the recycling or a new aspect of their own care that they haven't done before, such as washing their hair independently or making their bed.
- Use the sentences about responsibility as a starting point when talking about television programmes you have watched or news stories you have heard, for example when someone owns up to a mistake they have made or when they take responsibility for looking after something.
- Be a role model of responsibility and talk about it. Talk about what family members will try to do and what will they try to stop doing if they are being guided by the value of responsibility.





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Term 2 Curriculum Approach

We feel that the current bubble system in classes is working well. This of course needs to be balanced with providing a broad and balanced curriculum as well as being mindful of the fact that Year 11 students need to be working towards accreditation for the end of this academic year, where appropriate.

In Term 2, for the vast majority of students and staff nothing will change. We will continue with the current bubble system in Year 7-10 (including Maple class).

In terms of Beech Class and Apple Class, we are going to move to a Year 11 'bubble' that will give us a little more capacity in terms of staff being able to teach specialist subjects. This will mean that instead of having a Beech class bubble and an Apple class bubble we will have a 'Year 11' bubble allowing staff to teach/support across both classes.

Head Teacher Commendation Award

Congratulations to **Sidney** in **Elm** class who was presented with the Head Teachers Commendation Award for some amazing art work that he completed. The quality of the work was amazing and he had also framed his pictures. They were so good that, with Sidney's permission, we have decided to copy the work and display them at the school. Well done, keep up the good work.

Congratulations to **Maple** class who were also presented with the Head Teachers Commendation Award for the fantastic diary work they completed recently. The quality of the work was impressive, with lots of great writing and illustrations. Well done Maple Class, keep up the good work.

Sponsored Wheel & Walk



Friday's wheel and walk was great fun which the students thoroughly enjoyed, including the colour run! We have raised the fantastic sum of £1048.00 so far; thank you for your support. All the money raised will be split between school, to purchase more play equipment, and a charity to be decided by the students, we will let you know the grand total once all the money is collated.



Parent/Carer Governor

We have three vacancies for a parent governor to serve on the governing body of the North Wiltshire School, forms have been sent home via email. The closing date for applications is 9.00 am Wednesday 11th November; completed forms can be left at reception at any of the three school campuses. Please contact school if you need further information.

Garden Fair

Unfortunately we have had to make the decision to postpone our annual Garden Fair scheduled for May next year due to the uncertainty around Covid.

Activities for Half-Term

Please click on the link to see the range of activities across Wiltshire during the half-term holiday.

http://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Children_Calendar

Short breaks information can be found here:

http://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Short_breaks_-_Short_Breaks_Bulletin



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Reading Challenge

Reading for pleasure is a lifelong resource which we want to encourage everyone to be involved. Anything from poetry to instruction manuals, magazines, comics, biography, fiction, history, information – it is a lifelong resource. You can do it anywhere, anytime!

Being part of a community is a source of pleasure, teachers can create a community of readers by getting children together with books – anywhere!

To share our love of reading material, the staff at Rowdeford will be taking photos of themselves reading in strange and wacky places. Over the half term holiday we would like the children and parents (if possible) to take a photo of themselves reading in strange places and send in their photos to their class teacher. We can then celebrate our love of reading within classroom displays too.

We look forward to seeing your photos and sharing ours with you too.

Coffee & Cake Session

We are hoping to hold a virtual coffee & chat session in the new term – please look out for more information coming soon!



NHS App

If you have not already done so, please could I encourage you to download the 'NHS Covid-19' app for your phone to support the country's track and trace system.

Letters Sent Home

The letters listed below have been sent home since our last newsletter; please contact the school office if you have not received the letters that are relevant to your child.

- SRE information - all years
- Responsibility Poster – all years
- Parent/carer governor letter
- Covid-19 Symptoms Poster

Dates for your Diary 2020-21

October

Wed 21st End of Term 1

November

Mon 2nd TD Day – no students in school

Tues 3rd Start of Term 2

Mon 30th TD Day – no students in school

December

Fri 18th End of Term 2 – **early finish tbc**

January

Mon 4th TD Day – No Students in school

Tues 5th Start of Term 3

Best wishes

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