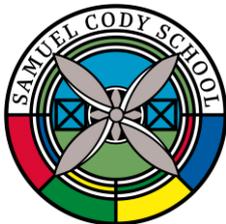


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General school and Covid-19 Update – Primary and Secondary– 1st November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you had a good half term break. I am writing to you to update you on how things have been going in school and to set out our plans for the next half term leading up to Christmas.

The first half of our new term has gone very quickly, and yet again we find ourselves in the run up to the Christmas holidays. We have had a few cases of Covid-19 in school and luckily the impact of these, both in terms of the health impact on individuals who have tested positive and the spread of the infection to others, has been minimal. When we have a case in school, a text is sent to those who we believe to be close contacts so that they can engage in testing. If your child tests positive please let Mr Glenn Tyreman know at g.tyreman@samuelcody.hants.sch.uk or call the school office.

Parents' evenings

Primary parents evening will take place on Monday 7th November from 3-6pm. Primary staff will be in touch shortly to arrange appointments if they have not already done so.

Secondary KS3 parents evening will take place on Tuesday 22nd November between 5-7pm. KS4 will be on Tuesday 29th November between 5-7pm. These will be held in the main school hall as before. All staff will be available to meet with you and will be available on a first come first served basis. Based on our trial run last year, there will be enough time for everyone to be seen but I would ask you to be mindful of other parents waiting.

Activities/News (Primary)

Our primary pupils have been engaged in some fun things so far this term, including horse riding with the RDA and other off-site activities to include swimming. Our pupils are regularly engaged in Forest School activities, and this has added a valuable component to our EYFS and key stage 1 and 2 offer. There are a few after school clubs running now. Please contact the primary school for more information about these. Please note that there will be no clubs running after school in the last week of term – 12th-16th December.

Christmas planning is now in full swing, and there are plans for Christmas activities for the primary pupils as well as a virtual pantomime showing and a Christmas lunch for which there will be no charge.

Primary coffee mornings/afternoons have started again and the next one is:

Tuesday 6th December 09:00-10:00

Please contact the primary department to let them know if you will be attending.

Activities/News (Secondary)

Several residential activities are planned for secondary students this half term. Year 8 will be travelling down to Avon Tyrell in the New Forest for three days of adventure, and the Year

11's are currently embarking on their 'Futures Week' culminating in a residential experience at Runways End later this week. The school Duke of Edinburgh Award groups will continue to undertake expedition training and you will be contacted about this nearer the time, as will parents of other year groups whose residential activities will be held later in the new year. Last half term we hosted a very successful football tournament. We will be increasing opportunities for our children to participate in inter-school competitions now that Covid-19 is under greater control.

After school clubs have started again. Please contact your child's tutor if you need more information on what these are. Please note that there will be no clubs running after school in the last week of term – 12th-16th December.

Secondary coffee mornings have been planned over the next year for the parents of all year groups. Currently these are:

Year 7 parents – Wednesday 9th November 09:15-10:15

Year 8 parents - Wednesday 7th December 09:15-10:15

Year 9 parents – Wednesday 25th January 09:15-10:15

Year 11 parents – Wednesday 8th February 09:15-10:15

Year 10 parents – Wednesday 8th March 09:15-10:15

Invitations will be sent out nearer the time. Please let the school office know if you will be attending.

Secondary school Christmas activities are in the process of being planned and will include a Christmas Quiz, Christmas lunch on Friday 16th December for years 8,9,10 and 11 and a buffet and Christmas disco for year 7, all at no charge. Several school groups are attending theatre productions in line with their GCSE English syllabus.

Important dates for the whole school – Please make a note of the following

Monday 7th November – Poppies are available at reception for a small donation to support the Royal British Legion

Monday 14th November – 'Odd Socks Day' marks Anti-Bullying week, and to show our support of this initiative we are inviting out pupils in primary and students in secondary to come to school wearing 'odd socks' to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Friday 18th November – 'Dress Down Friday' in support of Children in Need (£1 donation requested).

Monday 21st November – INSET day to facilitate staff training. The school will be closed to all students.

Friday 16th December – End of Term. Christmas Holidays start at 14:45.

Thank you again for your support as always. I wish you and your families well.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs S Chinnappa
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