



PRIORSLEE ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our week started with a rather bumpy start with the sheer number of positive cases over the weekend and during Monday morning. We are still seeing a high number of cases each day, with similar symptoms:

- Flushed face,
- Headache,
- Aching limbs,
- Upset stomach

If your child presents with any of these symptoms, we ask that you test them using a LFT, and obviously if they present with one of the main three symptoms, they should isolate and access a PCR test. Staff will continue to wear masks in communal areas, and increased cleaning procedures will continue. If you could please test your child using a LFT before returning to school on Monday, we really would appreciate it! We also ask that our Year Four children in Cedar Class continue to test daily. We do, unfortunately, still have a number of staff (including members of the office team) who have tested positive and are still isolating, and I am extremely grateful to everyone who has taken on additional roles, and have gone the extra mile to help keep the school running as smoothly as possible.

It was wonderful to see our Year One children in their Forest School session and the amazing skills they were acquiring, including using a wide range of tools with great confidence. It has also been fabulous to see so many children sharing work they have been creating at home and to be awarding a huge number of Gold Prizes. I have also thoroughly enjoying seeing so many children participating in a wide range of PE activities this week, and I was very impressed by Year Four's balancing skills in gymnastics. We hosted Chinese New Year workshops on Tuesday, and the children thoroughly enjoyed participating in dance and language activities. Our two-year-olds have had the most magical week looking at Humpty Dumpty and investigating who pushed him off the wall. It created a fabulous opportunity to develop our youngest members of school communities speech, and the photos on Facebook are beautiful!

I hope the children are as excited by our Reading Challenge as we are, we hope that this creates an opportunity for children to read a wider variety of texts. If your child has not brought a paper copy of the Reading Challenge sheet home, please pop into the office as the lovely ladies have additional copies available.

Our Forest School sessions are extremely popular with the children, and Mrs Ratcliffe has been working extremely hard to develop the Forest School areas, but she would like some more items to help improve the areas further.

If you have any of the following, please could you drop them off to the office:

- Pots
- Pans
- Pallets
- Electrical reels
- Utensils

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Many thanks,

Mrs Cooper
Head of School

