



FLORENDINE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Spring term 2

News 4 March 2020

Dates for your diary

A full list of this school year's term dates is available to view/download from the school website.

<http://www.florendine.staffs.sch.uk/information/term-dates>

Calendar here - <http://www.florendine.staffs.sch.uk/calendar>

March

Wednesday 11th – Parents' evening (booking open)

Thursday 12th- Parents' evening (booking open)

Thursday 19th – ~~Swimming gala @snowdome~~

Friday 20th – ~~KS1 mother's day assembly 9:00-9:30am~~

Friday 27th – Non- uniform chocolate donations

Monday 23rd – ~~Reception mother's day celebrations 2:15pm~~

April

Wednesday 1st April – ~~Friends' disco 6:30-8:00pm~~

Friday 3rd- Florendine's got talent finals

Friday 3rd – Break for Easter

Tuesday 21st – Children return to school

May

Thursday 7th – ~~School closed for polling~~

Friday 8th –Bank holiday VE day

Monday 11th- KS2 SATs week

Attendance

Well done to **Mrs Turner's class** for managing **98.5%** attendance for week 1.

Overall school attendance was at **95.5** for that week.

Golden table

These children have been selected for demonstrating excellent manners and behaviour in the dining hall



4 X Aldi sports kit just arrived



Freya C | Madilyn W | Holly D | Elias S | Arabella D | Lennon W | Shaye B | Jamie B

Star learners

Each week a star learner is chosen from their class for demonstrating excellent attitudes to their learning; being attentive, working independently, showing resilience, becoming engaged and showing enthusiasm.



Star learners

Mrs Boyce	Jaiden F	Mrs Maunand	Orlaith W
Mrs Wooding/Steven's	Elijah C	Mrs Dale	Nina P
Mrs Turner	Absent	Miss Village	Lewis C
Mr Roberts	Isla C	Miss Longhurst's	Bethany W
Mrs Williams/Hodgkinson	Isabelle G	Mr Hudson	Luke G



Corona virus update

A little earlier than usual with the newsletter this week as I wanted to keep you informed with a virus update. You don't need me to tell you how quickly the virus is spreading and impacting on the lives of us all and it would seem that this situation is going to be with us for some time. I would like to share with you the information I have and let you know as much as possible about the situation as it develops. As I write this the directive from central government, the department for Education and Public Health England is that schools are to remain open, if this situation changes I will let you know straight away. Anyone displaying symptoms of the virus (a new dry cough, high temperature) are advised to stay at home for seven days. See here for more details <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> .

You will have heard there are plans shortly to ask older members of society to self-isolate for an extended period and I know this will impact on child-care arrangements for many. The risk of spreading the virus further and faster is something that we are keen to guard against and because of that I'm afraid will be cancelling any adult visits into school for the foreseeable future. This means that the scheduled mothers' day assembly, celebration along with the Easter bonnet parade will now **not go ahead** with an adult audience. I have just been informed that the swimming gala finals have now been **cancelled** which I know will be a disappointment to those that have already qualified.

As you know the situation continues to change on a daily basis and any new information I have I will share with you using our text, app and email service. These are difficult times and hopefully we can make them as manageable as possible through clear and regular communication.

Tables masters

Congratulations to Evie A in Y4 who demonstrated that she knows all of her tables up to 12 x 12 and achieved her tables master medal and certificate last week.



Water bottles

To minimise the chance of infection within school we will no longer be using class drinking cups during the day as we can not guarantee the level of hygiene with these that we would like. We would ask that each child is provided with their own water bottle (I know the majority already do this) which they can access and refill throughout the day. Please avoid single use plastics wherever possible.



Heads up

Symptoms	Coronavirus <small>Symptoms range from mild to severe</small>	Cold <small>Gradual onset of symptoms</small>	Flu <small>Abrupt onset of symptoms</small>
Fever	Common	Rare	Common
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Cough	Common* (usually dry)	Mild	Common* (usually dry)
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes for children
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

Heads up



This table from the World Health Organisation is useful in separating the symptoms between a usual cold or flu that you might normally expect to experience at this time of year and symptoms of the corona virus covid -19. As you can see a runny nose and sneezing are not symptoms of the virus.

It has also been decided that the planned Friends' disco during the last week has been **cancelled**. The non-uniform day, chocolate raffle **will still go ahead** and prizes will be drawn in a school assembly.

headteacher@florendine.staffs.sch.uk



Follow us on Twitter and Facebook



Easy fundraising Get the app here