

SOUTHBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Half Term Holiday

We finish for the half term holiday on **Friday 28th May** and return to school on **Monday 7th June**.

Termly Values

This term's value we are concentrating on is 'Friendship'. Please see the information over the page and discuss the importance of being a good friend.

Reading

A reminder that we have a reading homework policy and expect children to read with a family member for a short time every day after school. Reading record books need to be signed by an adult each day to support this.

Free School Meals

Many of our families may have had a change in their financial circumstances due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. If you are in receipt of benefits such as Universal Credit or Jobseekers Allowance you may be entitled to Free School Meals. (Working Tax Credits are NOT a qualifying benefit). If you think you may be entitled please contact the school office for a form or visit our website where you can download one. Please do this even if your child receives Universal Free School Meals due to them being in the Infants, because the school receives extra funding and you may also get vouchers during school holidays if the government continues to issue them due to the pandemic.

Coronavirus Symptoms Reminder

The government has issued strict guidance for schools to reduce the spread of Covid-19 in the community. If your child or anyone in your household has **ANY** of the following symptoms they must **not** come to school and the whole household must self-isolate for 10 days counted from the day **AFTER** symptoms started:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough
- loss of sense of taste or smell, or if it's changed

The child or person with the symptoms should have a **Covid PCR test** which can be booked using this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> (or telephone 119 for assistance).

The rapid 'Lateral Flow' tests are **not** suitable for people with symptoms.

It is essential that you immediately notify the school with the result of the test, particularly if it is positive.

If negative, the child can return to school providing they have not had a temperature in the previous 48 hours and the result is emailed to the school or shown at the gate.

Social Distancing

Please stay apart from other households at the school gates and wear a face covering or mask - this is essential if you come into the school office. You will have heard on the news about the concerns regarding the spread of the new Indian variant, so please continue to take precautions to keep our school and community safe.

School Spaces

There has been a lot of new homes being built in Ponders End recently. If you have any family or friends moving into the area, please let them that we have some spaces in our lovely school.

Yours sincerely

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