

Dear Parents,

A bubble has burst: We had our first positive covid-19 case in Class 6G this week and had to send the children and Mrs Warrington home to self-isolate until 20th November. We hope that the family involved make a quick recovery.

Lockdown Rules: We are working really hard at school to keep everyone as safe as possible. It is therefore very disheartening to hear from the children that play dates, sleep overs and parties are happening which contradict the latest national lockdown rules.

Social Distancing: At the main gate at 8.55am there are too many children (with surnames A-Z) already there which is making social distancing nigh on impossible. Please endeavour to stick to your correct arrival times. As you arrive at school we want the children to come in straight away to avoid a crowd building up, but having such a large group there at 8.55am is not being as safe as we could be. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Parents Consultations: You will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher next week – but these are all via **zoom**. The zoom links were sent earlier today (one separate letter for each class). If you have not used zoom before, please do an internet search for “zoom” and then download it onto your computer/phone/device. There are a few parents who have still not made an appointment. Please do this as soon as possible.

PC Odong: We were delighted to welcome our new community Police Officer to school on Tuesday. He hopes to visit regularly and aims to talk to the children about a range of issues regarding keeping safe, both in our local area and whilst using the internet online.

Violin and Cello lessons: I am delighted that two of our peripatetic teachers Lynn and Sean are able to teach free violin and cello lessons for four weeks! Lynn will be teaching violin to Years 2 and 3 and Sean to Year 3. I hope those children who have taken up this opportunity really enjoy it.

Kitchen Roll: Thanks very much to all the parents who have been so generous in sending in boxes of tissues and kitchen roll. The kitchen roll has already run out! If anyone can spare a roll or two to send into school we'd be very grateful.

Local Wetlands: one of our parents is a Trustee of The Firs Farm Wetlands and interested to hear from anyone who may like to volunteer there or even make a donation. Look at the website for more information <https://www.firsfarmn21.org/> or email Geraldine on gerihealy@gmail.com They are inviting the general public to take Christmas decorations to the wetlands to decorate it. If you would like to do this, you are very welcome! It's due to rain most of the weekend, so it really will be a wetland, but hopefully a very Christmassy looking one!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher