



# Summer Term Newsletter

## Week 10 of 13

### Less than 3 weeks till Summer Holidays!

### Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup> 2021



Dear parents/carers

Sadly, the infection rates in our part of the world are continuing to rise at an alarming rate. It would appear however that hospitalisations and serious illness appear to not be rising as they did during previous rises. Local schools are reporting multiple cases amongst staff and pupils and hundreds of local children and adults are now self-isolating. For SPBS children, SBPS parents/carers and SBPS staff this is now having a big impact.

The picture in school TODAY is as follows.

YR. 1 pupil self-isolating awaiting family members' PCR results.

Y1. 1 pupil isolating due to toddler sibling PCR positive. 1 further pupil positive. Remaining Y1 isolating as advised by Public Health England due to contact with positive year-group peer. The majority of Y1 staff isolating due to contact with positive pupil.

Y2. 1 staff member positive who interacts with all Y2 children. Y2 children and 1 further staff member isolating as advised by PHE due to contact with positive staff member.

Y3. 4 pupils isolating after being in contact with positive PCR child (not a SBPS child) from a Consett football team. 2 further pupils isolating. Each pupil awaiting own family member PCR results.

Y4. 3 pupils isolating. 1 of these awaiting own PCR results, 2 of these are awaiting their family member's PCR results.

Y5. 3 pupils isolating. Each are close contacts of PCR positive children/adults out of school.

Y6 3 pupils isolating. Each as a result of contact with a PCR positive child or adult out of school or awaiting their own PCR results.

We monitor and keep in touch with each pupil isolating in case they return a PCR positive result. If this is the case we then have to ascertain which children and staff in school may have been a close contact on any of the days 48 hours before the symptoms/test result of the positive year-group member.

Until PHE/UK government advice to school changes, we will ask children with ANY symptoms to stay at home until they have a negative PCR result (NOT a negative LFD result)

We will ask any child with a close contact with someone with symptoms to self-isolate until that contact has a negative PCR result.

We ask any child with close contact of a person with a positive PCR result or awaiting PCR results to self-isolate.

In some cases, children will only have to self-isolate for a day or two until their own or their family member's/close contact's PCR results come back negative.

Please can you keep your child off school if there is any doubt until you are able to send them back in to school once all doubt has been erased.

#### **Some non-Covid news**

**Durham's Big Play music day** SBPS took part in the Big Play on Monday 21st. Our brass players entertained their friends with some fabulous pre-recorded Teams performances. Every year-group sang to the rest of the school, socially-distanced, outdoors. Children who play instruments outside of school performed for their friends. Y4 were on a trip but didn't miss out as they pre recorded their

song and brass performances for school mates to enjoy on the day. Follow this link to see the song performances.

<https://youtu.be/G1Hk8UeiyZM>

**Trips** Y6 had an exciting and educational visit to Whickham Thorns adventure centre then enjoyed an overnight camping trip in school grounds. Thank you again to all the children for their great company and excellent behaviour at the camp-out. Thanks again to all the staff who made this happen. Special thanks to those staff members who stayed overnight, staying awake to safeguard.

Y4 visit to the Roman Wall and Vindolanda was a great success too. There were some tired legs after a day of walking, ascending, descending, reenacting Celtic and Roman battles and historical and geographical fieldwork.

Y3s trip to Broomley Grange had to be cancelled due to Broomley Grange staffing shortages due to Covid. Luckily, Whickham Thorns found us a space and Y3 were able to enjoy an adventurous trip there instead.

Y5 will be visiting Hamsterley Forest shortly for a day of bush-craft activities.

Y2 are currently all self-isolating but when they return we have a day of outdoor creative and bushcraft activities booked for them in the SBP Junior site in our woodlands and on our school field.

Y1 and YR will be having fun activities too in the coming weeks.

**Transition arrangements** continue for all children including those moving on to their new schools. Y2 children continue their weekly visits to their Junior site to become as comfortable and familiar as possible. They are already thoroughly enjoying these visits. Their bushcraft/outdoor creative day will also take place in their SBP Junior site.

Y3, Y4, Y5 children will spend a little time with their new teacher, socially distanced, outdoors, tomorrow. Fingers crossed for good weather.

Once all Y1 and Y2 children are back we will arrange time for these children to meet their new teacher, socially distanced, outdoors for a fun activity designed to allay any worries children may have and to enthuse children for September.

We sadly, had to cancel our Teddy Bears' picnic visits for our new Reception starters but we are making plans for more good transition for these children and families remotely for now and face-to-face for September.

**Sports Day** We hope to still have sports day this year. YR and Y1 will have a sports day together, socially distanced, on their site. Y2 to Y6 will have a joint sports day at their Junior site. Sadly, there can be no family spectators. We will endeavor to take lots of videos and pictures to post on Twitter.

Keep being careful and vigilant regarding the new rise in cases. Err on the side of caution please regarding sending children into school. Keep being positive and forward-looking. Keep enjoying the lovely weather.

Mr Bell

## Calendar of Events to July 2021

Please note some dates may change and hopefully **LOTS** of other dates will be added throughout the year.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> May to 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Half term holiday.
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Leavers photo day ( Whole-school photos 2 <sup>nd</sup> December)
June	Swimming lessons Y6
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 day trip to Whickham Thornes. School sleep-over.
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y4 day trip to Roman Wall and Vindolanda
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 day trip to Whickham Thorns activity centre
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Move-up activities for Y3 to Y5. Move up activities day TBC for YR, Y1, Y2
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y2 bushcraft/creative activities day at SBP Junior site
TBC	Sports days for YR/Y1 and for Y2-Y6
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Brass Festival international band visit. Cancelled by Durham Brass Festival.
16 <sup>th</sup> July.	Last day of summer term.
19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset days for staff. School closed to children.