

# Russell Street School

## Newsletter



Spring Term 2 - 2022



## Message from our Headteacher

Welcome back to the second half of our Spring Term where we are now able to start to invite you all back into school. We are incredibly proud of the exciting learning environment we have created over the past couple of years and really appreciate the fact that we can now share this with you. Whilst we are pleased to open our doors to you, this will be with control measures in place. Our Director of Public Health would still like schools to use face coverings in communal areas, therefore we ask anyone in year 7 and above, if you are able to do so, to please wear masks everywhere within the school grounds.

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is still to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child has any of these symptoms you should order a PCR test. They are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result. Please read the testing information from [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/covid-19/testing) below.

Other symptoms linked with COVID-19 include shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting.

The most effective way to avoid passing on COVID-19 infection is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Parents' evenings will now be held face to face. We do appreciate that for some parents, due to childcare needs and for work commitments, that online parents' evenings will still be preferable. We will be offering a mixture of both. If there are any access arrangements you need to ensure you can fully engage in parents' evenings or other activities in school, please let me know. We will always try our best to ensure all access requests are met.

This newsletter contains a brief summary of some of the school improvements being introduced across the school this term. Everything we do is always fully explained on our website.

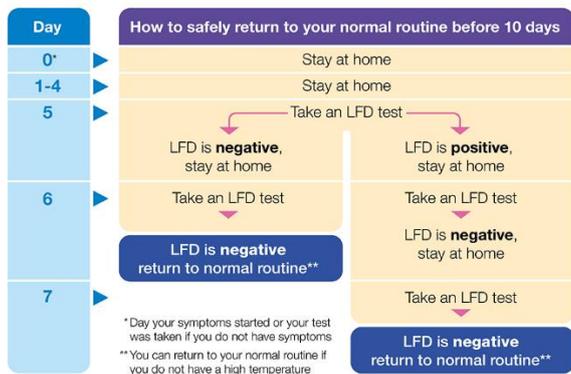
Kind regards  
Mrs Robinson

[COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

**If you have COVID-19, stay at home and avoid contact with other people.** If you have COVID-19 you can infect other people from 2 days before your symptoms start, and for up to 10 days after. You can pass on the infection to others, even if you have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. If you have COVID-19 you should stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

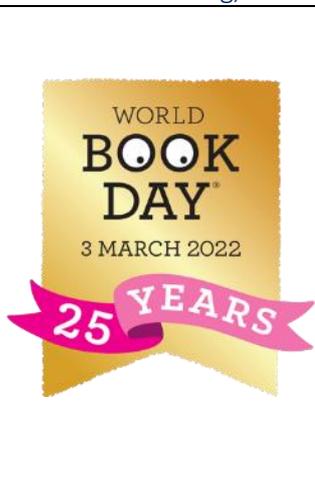
Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days. You may choose to take an LFD test from 5 days after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms) followed by another LFD test the next day. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, the risk that you are still infectious is much lower and you can safely return to your normal routine.

### How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



If your day 5 LFD test result is positive, you can continue taking LFD tests until you receive 2 consecutive negative test results.

Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.



### World Book Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> March

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character and bring a story to share with their class.

#### Watch and listen to some authors read their own books:

[🐻 We're Going On a Bear Hunt 🐻 | BOOK | Kids' Poems and Stories With Michael Rosen - Bing video](#)

[Time for Storytime: My Hair with Hannah Lee - YouTube](#)

[The Very Hungry Caterpillar read by Eric Carle | Waterstones - Bing video](#)

[Julia Donaldson reads What The Ladybird Heard - Bing video](#)

[Stick Man by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler - Julia Donaldson stickman - Bing video](#)

[Beware Of The Greedy Highway Rat! 🐹 | Gruffalo World | Compilation - Bing video](#)

[Jez Alborough reads Where's My Teddy - YouTube](#)

#### Signed stories – learn new signs:

[The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister - Signed Stories - Sign Language | BSL | SSE | Read Aloud - YouTube](#)

[Not Now Bernard by David McKee - Signed Stories - British Sign Language - BSL | SSE | Read Aloud - YouTube](#)

[Signed Story - Handa's Surprise - British Sign Language \(BSL\)/SSE - YouTube](#)

### World Maths Day – 23<sup>rd</sup> March

World Maths Day is one of the world's largest global educational events. Taking place on the 23rd March 2022, this day aims to get children excited and enthusiastic about learning maths!

This event is also intended to connect the global learning community and foster friendships between children of different cultures as they learn to excel in mathematics together. During World Maths Day students are asked to compete against each other in a range of 60-second online games. These games are designed to test the mental maths abilities of students in different age groups (there are 10 levels to choose from, where Level 1 involves simple addition).

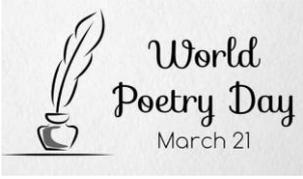


11-20 March  
**British  
 Science  
 Week  
 2022**

### Science Week

The theme for 2022 is GROWTH!

We will be looking at all kinds of growth including buildings, eco-friendly behaviours, animals and even how to grow plants on Mars.

<p><b>Red Nose Day – Comic Relief – 18<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p>Children may wear non-uniform with items of red clothing as well as official Comic Relief clothing.</p> <p>Donations will be collected on the Key Stage One gate. A Just Giving page will also be available for use.</p>	
	<p><b>World Poetry Day – 21<sup>st</sup> March</b></p> <p>National Poetry Day is an annual event which takes place across the whole of the UK in celebration of poetry. The day is intended to help people discover and enjoy poetry and encourage everyone to read, write, and share poems.</p> <p>National Poetry Day demonstrates the importance of poetry and the value that poetry adds to society.</p> <p>Some people think poetry isn't meant for them - that it's something outdated or inaccessible. National Poetry Day breaks down those misconceptions and starts conversations about both old and new poems, and the way they make us feel. This aim of the day is to encourage everyone to find poems that they enjoy reading.</p>
<p><b>World Water Day - 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b></p> <p><b>GROUNDWATER - MAKING THE INVISIBLE VISIBLE</b></p> <p>Groundwater is invisible, but its impact is visible everywhere.</p> <p>Out of sight, under our feet, groundwater is a hidden treasure that enriches our lives. Almost all of the liquid freshwater in the world is groundwater.</p> <p>As climate change gets worse, groundwater will become more and more critical. We need to work together to sustainably manage this precious resource.</p> <p>Groundwater may be out of sight, but it must not be out of mind.</p> <p><b>We will be learning how to make the invisible visible.</b></p>	
	<p><b>Parents' Evenings – 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p>We will be offering parents a mixture of face to face and online parents' evening sessions. We do understand that because of childcare needs &amp; for work commitments, online meetings are much easier for some families.</p> <p>Booking details will be sent closer to the time.</p>
<p><b>Living Eggs – 28<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p>Living Eggs will be in school once again from 28<sup>th</sup> March. This is a super yearly activity that takes place for Early Years children. Living Eggs provide a happy, safe and ethical experience that enables children to learn about life cycles and caring for animals. See our Twitter feed for day by day hatching and growing of our chicks.</p>	
	<p><b>Year 2 Production – 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April – As close to 9am as possible</b></p> <p>We are very excited that Year 2 children will be performing Oliver as their class assembly for their parents/carers.</p> <p>This involves learning many songs and the use of an actual theatre script. We are sure you'll be hearing the songs sung at home!</p>
<p><b>Explorer Dome – Year 1 – 6<sup>th</sup> April</b> <a href="#">Explorer Dome: Space Show</a></p> <p>The awe and wonder of space in a Dome! A story-telling introduction to the earth, moon, sun and stars. Children will learn that the sun is a star, find out why the sun moves across the sky, look for different phases of the moon and discover how to spot the pictures and stories in the stars.</p>	
	<p><b>World Health Day – 7<sup>th</sup> April</b></p> <p>World Health Day 2022 theme is 'Our Planet, Our Health'</p> <p>We be learning how to protect our own health as well as the health of the planet.</p>
<p><b>P.E. Days</b></p> <p><b>P.E. Days have changed:</b></p> <p>Reception - Wednesday</p> <p>Year 1 – Tuesday and Friday</p> <p>Year 2 – Monday and Thursday</p>	
	<p><b>After School Clubs</b></p> <p>We are increasing the number of after school clubs.</p> <p>Premier will be running clubs on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.</p> <p>Irish Dancing lessons are taking place on a Thursday.</p> <p>Brass and string lessons take place on a Monday and Wednesday for Year 2 children.</p> <p>All details will be sent via ParentMail.</p>