

# Mawnan CE VA Primary School Newsletter

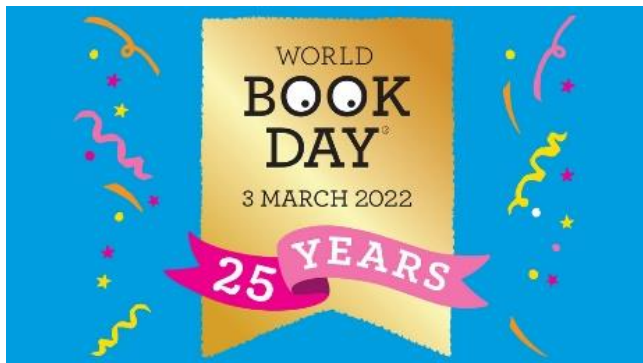


*Using our God-given gifts to let our light shine*



**Our core Christian Values: *Compassion, Hope, Peace, Perseverance, Respect, Trust***

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**



## **World Book Reminder**

This year World Book Day is on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

We would love it if the children come in dressed up as their favourite character from a book. Please be creative and use what you already have at home.

## **COVID-19 Update**

Over the half term holiday, we have had new cases of COVID-19 in Pico and Dart Class.

Changes to COVID-19 guidance came into effect on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Whilst we are now "*learning to live with COVID-19*", it is important to remember that the global pandemic is not yet over. Please see the most up to date guidance below.

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022, the Prime Minister announced the following:

### **1. Lateral Flow Testing**

Regular asymptomatic testing has played a vital part in reducing transmission in education settings but the Government has announced that it is in a position to lift this guidance for staff and students. From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February staff and children are no longer expected to undertake twice weekly asymptomatic testing.

Staff at Mawnan will continue to test at least twice weekly whilst the tests are available and whilst we have confirmed cases within the school; we recommend that families do the same.

Please note that in the event of an outbreak, a school may also be advised by their local health team or director of public health to undertake testing for staff and students.

You can order one pack of lateral flow tests every 3 days

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

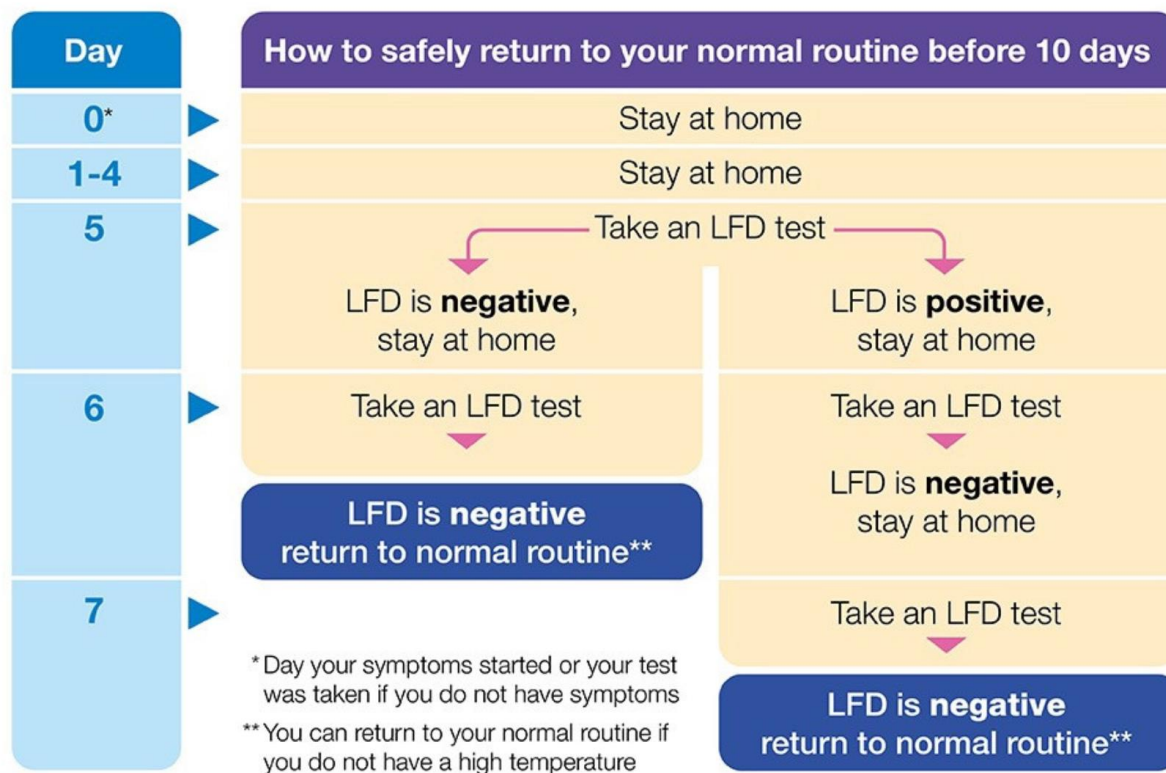
## 2. The Legal Duty to Self-Isolate

As of Thursday 24th February 2022, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. **Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative lateral flow test results on consecutive days or until they have isolated for 10 full days.**

Fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 will no longer be required to test daily for seven days, and the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate has been removed. Routine contact tracing has ended – contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests.

Free testing will end from the 1st April 2022 for the general public, including those with symptoms. However, the Government will continue to provide free tests for symptomatic people, within certain age groups, and those who are most vulnerable.

If you think your child has any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, the public health **advice remains unchanged** and is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should **order a test** and is advised to **stay at home** while waiting for the result. If they test positive, they are advised to follow public health advice below.



Prime Minister Boris Johnson said that the changes to COVID rules were part of moving from “Government restrictions” to “personal responsibility”. We kindly ask that everyone in our community follows the expectations listed in the updated flowchart above and isolates until they have received two negative lateral flow test results on consecutive days on days 5 and 6 or they have completed 10 days of isolation.

Guidance published by the DfE on Friday 25th February stated: *“If you insist on your child attending nursery, school or college when they have symptoms, schools can take the decision to refuse your child if, in their reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.”* We respectfully request that you do not knowingly send your child into school with COVID-19 symptoms.

I would like to remind you that school attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. Therefore, your child should be attending school unless they are not well enough to attend or they test positive for COVID-19.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask and thank you once again for your support.

For your reference here is the most up to date guidance:

School's operational guidance can be found here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1057106/220224\\_Schools\\_guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1057106/220224_Schools_guidance.pdf)

The Living with COVID-19 guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19>

Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do#get-tested-and-stay-at-home-if-you-have-symptoms>

What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

## Collective Worship

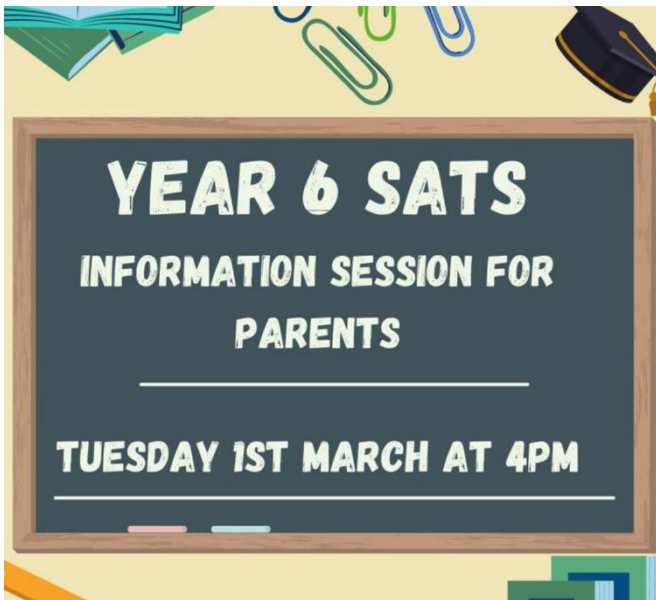


Our value for this term is Hope *'With God's hope to excite us, nothing holds us back'* 2 Cor 13.12.

Our collective worship will focus on the value of Hope, Lent and Easter. Our Eucharist service will take place during the last week of this half term.

## SATs Information Sessions

This week we will be hosting two information sessions for Y2 and Y6 parents to talk through the planned statutory tests that will take place in the summer term. Both sessions start at 4pm and the zoom links can be found on ClassDojo.



## Parent Teacher Meetings

Our second round of parent teacher meetings will take place this half term.

Year 2 and Year 6 meetings will take place during the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 meetings will take place during the week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

A Google form will be emailed for you to sign up for an appointment.

## St Piran's Day

Our collective worship on Friday will focus on St Piran and the children will be having pasties for lunch.

The Falmouth St Piran's day celebrations are taking place at the Princess Pavilion on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March. The PTA will be running some stalls to raise money for the school and we would be very grateful for donations of chocolate for the chocolate tombola. Please bring your donations into school by Friday. Thank you for your support.



**ST. PIRAN'S DAY**

Princess Pavilion, Falmouth

**Saturday 5 March**  
10am - 7.30pm

Seafront Parade  
Live Music  
Children's Entertainment  
Stalls  
Food & Drink  
Licensed Bar

with thanks to: Pip's Pasties | A&P | Cornwall Community Foundation

## Road Safety Reminder

Unfortunately, the Parish Council have been in contact because they have received a growing number of complaints about parking and driving near the school during both drop off and pick up times.



*There have been complaints made about cars parking on the verge up Grove Hill and on Shute Hill itself – especially at the end of the school day. It has been reported that cars are blocking the 'pavement' part of the grass verges and not taking due care when either pulling in or pulling out of Shute Hill. On one occasion, a pedestrian was hit by a car's mirror.*

This is a **plea to everyone** who drives to school to please park and drive with more care and consideration. We do not want to endanger our school community or anyone else so this situation needs to improve.

The issue has also been raised with the local PCSO.

Thank you for helping to improve the safety at the beginning and end of the day.

