

## Newsletter 5 8.10.21

Dear Families.

**Illness in school** Currently we are managing a mixture of Covid cases, chicken pox and of course the usual coughs and colds! Please keep in touch with us if your child is suffering from anything, and with Covid cases rising it is always worth double checking with a PCR test. For chicken pox, children should not come to school for 5 days after the rash starts, and all the spots must be scabbed and dry.

**NHS immunisations** The planned NHS flu immunisation session which should have taken place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October is being rescheduled by the NHS. As soon as we have a new date we will let you know.

**Fire service visit** This week all the KS2 children have had a visit from the local fire service to work with them on personal safety as the nights are becoming darker, with lots of advice and ideas shared.

**Applications for secondary school places** For children in Year 6 who will be starting secondary school in September 2022, you should apply for a school place by 31<sup>st</sup> October. The local secondary schools usually have details of the information events, which may be in person or remote, on their websites. If you live in the City of York Council area, applications should be made online at <a href="https://www.york.gov.uk/admissions">https://www.york.gov.uk/admissions</a> and if you live in the North Yorkshire County Council area, the website is at <a href="https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions">https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions</a>

If you live in Skelton, the village is within the normal area for a community place at Manor or Vale of York. If your preference is for Easingwold, families must meet the transport costs themselves as this is not the area school for Skelton.

If you are from Shipton, Newton, Beningbrough, Linton or Tollerton, you live in the area for Easingwold and free home-school transport is provided. If you decide to apply for a place at Manor, you will need to complete their Supplementary Information Form and make sure this is signed by a minister of religion (for a Foundation place), or myself (for a ballot place). This needs to be done in plenty of time to meet the deadline.

Please note that from next year (applying for a Y7 place in 2023), the ballot option is being removed in line with Fair Access protocols. This means that for children up to and including the current Y5, the only places available at Manor will be Foundation ones, and the forms are needed to evidence regular attendance at worship for a parent/carer over at least 2 years.

**Applications for primary school places** From 12<sup>th</sup> October you can apply for a primary school place in the Reception year for September 2022. Applications are made in the same way as for secondary schools, online through the council websites, and the closing date is January 2022. **Even if your child already attends our Nursery, you still need to make an application for a Reception school place.** 



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#### Dojo Awards

Well done to this week's Dojo award winners!

Keeping in touch with school The main school office email is now <a href="mailto:hello@fog.hlt.academy">hello@fog.hlt.academy</a>. All staff emails remain in the old format <a href="mailto:initial.surname@fog.hlt.academy">initial.surname@fog.hlt.academy</a> but staff can also be contacted through Tapestry and Google Classroom for now, and will update to the @fog.hslt address later this term. Emails sent to the previous addresses are still coming through to us, but over time this arrangement will stop. We are aware that there have been some issues around emails being bounced back, so to be on the safe side it is worth trying both formats for now! Please be aware that the member of staff you are trying to contact may not be working that day, in which case it is unlikely that they will be able to follow anything up with you. There are also some updates going on with the school website, so if things appear out of date please bear with us (and the web technicians!)

e-letters the following letters have been sent this week:

- Online safety reminder (KS2)
- NYCC parent sessions (all)
- Easingwold Library flier (all)

Letters which have reply slips (eg the club booking forms) can be completed electronically and emailed back to school at <a href="mailto:hello@fog.hlt.academy">hello@fog.hlt.academy</a>



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#### **Diary dates**

22.10.21 - Elm Bun Day 22.10.21 - School closes for half term

term
1.11.21 - School opens
19.11.21 - Ash Bun Day
3.12.21 - EYFS Bun Day
17.12.21 - School closes for
Christmas

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender.