

# The Oaks Primary School

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## Staff updates

- Mrs Sutherland

This week Mrs Sutherland has started her retirement. We would like to thank Mrs Sutherland for all of her hard work, love and dedication to The Oaks and we wish her a very happy and healthy retirement!

- Baby news

Over the past few weeks, we have welcomed the news of Mrs Price giving birth to baby Olivia and Mrs Henshall giving birth to baby Sammy. Mothers and babies are all doing wonderfully.

## **Charity work**

- Help us raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support

Could you pledge to walk one mile per day?

Could you gather sponsors for doing so?

If so join Mrs L Roberts in her quest to raise money for this fabulous charity. Details can be found on our webpage under 'news'.

So here we find ourselves, 5 weeks into lockdown number 3. Infection rates in our area soared to 1200 positive cases in every 100,000 people over recent weeks and as you know, this closed our school for a period of time. If you think you have been in contact with a positive case or if you are unsure of whether you have symptoms, err on the side of caution and get a test. I am pleased to say that rates have dropped to 416 per 100,000 however this is still above average for England as a whole. The R rate for the North West is between 0.8 and 1.1. this means that the virus could still be growing and that is with schools restricting attendance down to around 25% of pupils.

The government are due to make an announcement on 22nd February. This will include schools, which could start to open from 8th March. We have no more information than you at this time but will update you as to the plans for fully reopening school when we know what they are.

I would ask that you all redouble your efforts and ensure that you are taking every possible measure to bring infection rates in the community down. Only form a support bubble if you are single. You may form a childcare bubble with one other household. This is for the child/children though and not for the adults to enter each others' homes.

We would finally like to thank you all for your amazing support with home learning. This is ensuring that your children are continuing to cover the curriculum whilst at home, ensuring that they do not fall behind. Mrs L Roberts

## Face masks

Please respect our request regarding the wearing of face masks anywhere on our school site. This is to reduce the risk of coronavirus spreading between families and to school staff. I would like to ask you to consider if you could wear one for the few short minutes it takes to drop your child off and pick them up even if you are exempt. We have staff in school who are exempt, yet they wear a face mask all day to protect their colleagues and your children. Visors are useless in containing aerosol transmission.

Completing school work on a daily basis will help children to feel connected to the school community. Teachers are working tirelessly to provide feedback to children to help them achieve their potential. If you have any queries linked to learning, please contact your child's class teacher via email. Email addresses can be found on your child's class page on our website.

Please join us on a Monday and Friday morning for assembly. These are well attended and help us to set your children up for the week and of course celebrate their achievements at the end of the week.

Don't forget: