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Longer days are finally coming

After a long winter, with early nights, it finally feels that spring is on its way and after the Prime Minister's announcement it is hopeful that the Covid lockdown restrictions will be over by the time we get to summer. However, we must still play our part in reducing Covid by wearing face masks in school, taking our temperature on arrival, keeping apart from each other and regularly washing our hands. We have lateral flow tests in school. Staff are doing these tests twice a week and we would like pupils to also have these tests done regularly. We can send lateral flow test kits home if we have your written consent so your child can do the test at home and you can send their results to their teacher for us to then log with NHS Test & Trace.

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24TH FEBRUARY 2021

Guest speaker - Sexual health coordinator for East Lancashire

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19TH MARCH 2021

Comic Relief Day

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26TH MARCH 2021

Parent / Carer review day via telephone or video call



Kirsty Swierkowski

Head teacher and lead DSL for any safeguarding concerns



Mark Walton

Teacher and CLA & Safeguarding lead for safeguarding concerns



Gill Lambert

Communications manager and exams

Updates since Christmas

- ▶ All Year 11 pupils have been entered for their GCSEs in Maths and English
- ▶ All pupils have been working on BTEC Level 1 in Science this half term as well as Maths and English
- ▶ The TAS narrow boat has passed its non private safety inspection and we will soon be able to start having pupils onboard



Vodafone Digital Parenting Magazine

We have sent home a copy of the latest Vodafone Digital Parenting magazine with this newsletter. The national lockdown has meant that more of us than ever are spending more and more time online, including our children. As a school we have had to learn how to use Zoom to have meetings and had to learn how to adapt our teaching so we could continue to educate remotely (we much prefer to teach our pupils in person though).

It is easy for us all to spend too much time on technology. Getting out for walks and leaving your phone at home is a good opportunity to have some downtime from your phone or tablet. Having regular chats with your child about what they are doing online is so important. Bullying online is a serious issue and it is easy for children to bully others online. They may not see the upset or distress they are causing when they are commenting on people's posts or sending nasty messages when they are doing it from their mobile. SHOUT is a 24/7 text helpline to support anyone going through a mental health crisis and can get you in touch with a trained volunteer.

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85258 here for
you 24/7



VACUUM FORMING MACHINE

Create Education kindly lent us a vacuum forming machine to use for our STEM focus week in January. Pupils enjoyed experimenting with the machine and used Playdoh to form shapes and objects. The heart shape in this photograph was made into a chocolate mould and pupils were able to make their own fancy chocolates. Pupils had great fun making a hologram, by forming a pyramid shape, and placing the finished mould onto a mobile phone that was playing a hologram video from YouTube.