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Dear Parents and Carers,

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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Lateral Flow Testing for staff

As per our letter sent out yesterday, primary schools have been issued with lateral flow tests for staff. Testing in our school will commence next week. The tests are designed to recognise asymptomatic cases of COVID 19 so that transmission can be reduced. Staff who are opting in to lateral flow testing will do their tests on Sunday evening and Wednesday evening. If staff report a positive result this may lead to bubble closure, depending upon recent contact in school. We will communicate with parents/carers via text messaging service with any updates on the evenings where tests are taken.

Mental Health Week

Next week is Mental Health Week. During this time, we will be focusing our afternoon lessons next week on promoting mental health strategies and working through a range of activities to promote mental wellness. We cannot wait to see the children's work uploaded to SeeSaw and the innovative approaches to tasks being set at home. Don't forget to tag us on twitter using our handle @IPMATTowngate to share any of the super work completed at home for us to retweet in school.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 9th February this year and theme is: 'An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world.' We are certain you will agree that online safety is paramount all of the time, but with the additional requirement for pupils to be using devices and the internet in their remote learning, promoting online safety is extremely important. We will be focusing our learning on Safer Internet Day around keeping ourselves safe online and establishing an understanding of how to decipher the reliability of internet sources.

Website

We will be launching our new website in the upcoming weeks. Consequently, you may experience some difficulty accessing information such as newsletters whilst the content is transferred, please bear with us on this. Any important announcements will be sent by text messaging service and email. Our Twitter feed and Facebook page will be regularly updated with any important updates.

Tyre Donations to school

Thank you to Ossett Tyre House who have kindly donated a number of tyres for use in our school outdoor area. We are looking at developing our outdoor playgrounds over the coming weeks and as such truly appreciate the donation of tyres which will be used in and around our site.

Income-related free school meals

Applications for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding are available from the school office and also on our website under the results tab, then Pupil Premium. Please contact school and complete the necessary form as a priority if you believe your child may be eligible for free school meals.



PTA

Our PTA met virtually this week to discuss future projects for school. We are excited that there are plans in the pipeline for the development of the outdoor area and that the PTA – as always – are keen to play a pivotal part in this. Should any parents/carers wish to get involved with the work of the PTA through supporting in improving our outdoor area (such as offering skills including joinery or landscaping) or wish to join the PTA, please direct your enquiries to TGA-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk for the attention of Mrs Thackrah or Mrs Drury who will respond to any interest. Thank you in advance for your support.

Celebration Assembly

Celebration assembly has been pre-recorded and saved onto both Teams and SeeSaw for the children to watch at home. Thank you to the parents/carers who have shared a 'Special Mention' for their children. For any future special mentions, we ask that you use the Microsoft Forms which was previously sent out by Miss Moore in the school office. We will be downloading the entries every Wednesday ready for the pre-recording on Thursday.

Stars of the Week

Class	Name
F1 - Nursery	Scarlet L
F2 – Reception	Andrea Z
Year 1	Ava S
Year 2	Evan S
Year 3	William J
Year 3/4	Jacob P
Year 4	Karim L
Year 5	James N
Year 5/6	Alex N
Year 6	Cole S

Once again, we thank you for your cooperation with school during this time, whether that be supporting with technical issues in remote learning, taking phone calls from staff or your understanding on the limitations on school places at this time. We hope you have a wonderful weekend, ready for another busy week ahead!

Miss L Eke

Acting Headteacher

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