



Ardleigh Green

Learning Federation

Dear Parents

I hope this email finds you well.

This has been a very exciting week in the Junior School as together with three professional artists the children have created 12 amazing pieces of artwork based on well known book characters.

We have captured the creation of the characters throughout the week on Twitter and in our weekly video update on Facebook. We have also posted a video on the school website. If you haven't already done so please take a look, I guarantee you will be impressed!

Throughout the week the children's behaviour, concentration and team work has been outstanding. They have been a credit to you and the school. The artists have commented on how lovely it is to work with such enthusiastic, co-operative and polite children.

The artists will be returning in the New Year to work in the Infant School. We can't wait!

Covid

I regret to inform you that cases of Covid in school for staff, parents and children is on the rise.

Could I please encourage you as a family to regularly take a lateral flow test. If you have Covid symptoms, please arrange for PCR tests which are readily available locally with a quick turnaround for test results.

As well as the usual symptoms associated with Covid, such as a high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste/smell, we have received reports from those tested positive of abdominal pain, sickness, sore eyes, rash and diarrhoea. Whilst these symptoms might well be related to other medical conditions, given the rise in positive Covid cases, I would urge you to err on the side of caution and get a PCR test.

Thank you for your understanding and your anticipated cooperation.

Punctuality

Thank you to those of you who consistently get your children to school on time. Unfortunately there is still a minority of families who persistently arrive late. Could I remind you that the gates open at **8.45am** to allow lessons to start promptly at **8.55am**.

Children arriving late not only miss their own lesson time, but disrupt the learning of others and cause increased work for our staff.

Parking

We have received a number of complaints over the past couple of weeks about parents parking across driveways. In some cases this has meant that residents have been unable to leave their house for work. I recognise this only applies to a minority of parents, but please if this applies to you, help us to maintain the excellent relationship we have with local residents and park responsibly.

Children in need

Friday 19th November is Children in Need Day. As in previous years, to support this amazing charity we will have a non school uniform day. In return we ask that you send your child to school with a donation for Children in Need.

I hope you and your family have a great weekend

Kind regards

Mr Morris