



Principal's message

We are glad to be able to have our school fully open, despite the number of Covid cases which are currently affecting our community. My best wishes go out to all those families who are isolating, particularly where there are parents, carers and staff who are really poorly.

We will continue with routines which are helping us stay safe, and enabling us to have enough healthy staff to teach your children's classes - even when we have colleagues who are absent. These routines include: extended pick-up and drop-off times to limit crowding on the playground, play zones for classes, and lunches eaten in classrooms. We continue with enhanced cleaning, and anti-viral fogging of rooms twice weekly as routine, as well as when there is a new case.

We will notify you via DoJo, if there is a new case in your child's class, then only of any new case after that 10 day period.

After school clubs will focus on Intervention (you will be notified if your child should attend), and Outdoor Sports only, this half of term.

Ms Bromley

Upcoming Diary Dates:

28th Jan	The Nest go to White Post Farm
18th Jan	Yr1 Pirate Wow Day
19th Jan	Yr2 Explorer Wow Day
7th Feb	Mental Health week
11th Feb	Inset day
14th Feb— 18th Feb	Half Term
9th/10th March	Reception trip to Greens Windmill
4th April— 18th April	Easter Holiday

Outdoor play

Building work has started in our EYFS outdoor area. Areas of new, all weather surface are being laid for new outdoor climbing equipment, and a canopy installed so children can be sheltered as they get changed into outdoor gear during rainy and snowy weather. Our long-condemned Trim Trail is scheduled to be removed at half-term which will initially extend the playing space for pupils.



Great news

Congratulations to our Year 2 pupils and staff! When the children took their delayed Phonics Screening Tests in December, 82% of the children passed. This matches with National Standards and is a great achievement for the school. The children have been supported to catch up with learning lost during the school closure period, and are now back on track with their ability to read words. Please continue to support by listening to your child read at home and asking them simple questions to check their understanding of what they have read.



Ambleside Authors

Well done to all the budding authors who entered the January Writing Competition.

Winning classes those with the most entries are:

Class 5 Joey, Class 10 Foal and Class 14 Giraffe.



Following the success of our last Ambleside Authors day, we are preparing for the next whole school event which will take place on 4th February. The children loved having freedom to write at length about subjects which interest them, in the form of their choice e.g. stories | poems| fact files, and it was great to see the progress which we are making as a school in this often more challenging aspect of the curriculum. There are some super writers in our school community!