



Iona Star

Friday 21st May 2021

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Half Term Holiday

School will close on Fri 28th May for one week for half term. We will reopen again on Mon 7th June.

British Weather!

We have seen very changeable weather this week! In one day, we have experienced sunshine, warmer temperatures followed by heavy rain and cooler temperatures. Many of the children have come to school this week without a coat as they left the house in the sunshine! Please could you ensure that your child brings a coat to school, even if this is a rain mac. We do try to ensure the children have fresh air at playtimes if the weather is appropriate. Many of the children have felt cooler at afternoon break this week or have walked home in the rain without a coat! If the sunshine does visit us again, please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately and has a sun hat with them in their bags.

Children need to apply their own sun cream where possible, although staff will always be close by to assist if absolutely necessary.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Covid-19 Updates

As parents may be aware, within North Tyneside there has been a sharp rise in coronavirus cases and detection of the Indian Variant of Concern. The number of cases in North Tyneside has increased from 22 to 53 per 100,000 in the last week and the Indian variant has now been detected in different areas of the borough where there are currently 19 confirmed cases. It is likely that this number will increase.

Within school, we will not be changing any of our current practices and procedures, even though progress against the roadmap is developing. The children will remain in Pods with hand washing, social distancing (where possible), respiratory hygiene and enhanced cleaning as the main focus in our 'system of controls'. Staff continue to take Lateral Flow Tests twice a week.

If your child has **symptoms** of coronavirus, please inform school as soon as possible, book a PCR test for your child at a local test site and remember that all members of your household will need to isolate until a negative outcome from the PCR test has been confirmed.

Mobile testing units (MTUs) for **asymptomatic** PCR testing will be in place in Wallsend Forum, behind the Anson pub from Saturday May 22nd between 10am and 4pm. No appointment is needed. Children and adults do not need to self isolate if they have been to an MTU for an **asymptomatic** test.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school or see further information on the attached information letter from Public Health.

Congratulations

Well done to Lila-Rose in Y4. She has two pieces of exciting news for the Iona star from last weekend!

On Sunday, Lila had lots of fun in the studio recording a voice over for a radio advert!

Lila also entered an online street dance competition where dance schools from all over the country were competing. She was awarded 1st place and 3rd place in her age group.

Congratulations Lilia. We hope to hear you on the radio very soon!

A tremendous 'well done' to Rowen in Y5 who has won a gold medal in the English Championships for weightlifting in his category. What an amazing achievement Rowen. Especially when, initially, Rowen was in the wrong age category and competed against boys 2 years older than him! Keep up the hard work.

Friday 16th July

School will close for the summer holidays on Friday 16th July at 3:30pm. Originally this was a training day. However, staff took this training day in January in order to prepare for the lockdown period we entered at that time. Therefore the children will attend school on Friday 16th July 2021.

School reopens again to pupils after the holidays on Tuesday 7th September.

Monday 6th September will be a training day for all staff.

Term dates for next academic year have already been sent to parents via email. A copy is also available on our school website by clicking on the following link: [Term Dates 2021 - 2022](#) Please scroll to the bottom of the page.

County Lines - Parent and Carer Leaflet

A link has been provided in the Iona Star email for a Parent and Carer information leaflet sent via Northumbria Police. The leaflet provides information on the warning signs for parents/carers regarding County Lines.

Signs of what to look out for and tips on what parents / carers can do to help are included. At the bottom of the document, contact numbers and email addresses are provided for anyone who may need to seek help, advice or guidance with any concerns that are related to County Lines.

NUF - Half Term Courses

Please find attached a flyer from Newcastle United Foundation. This is regarding their football courses which will be running during the half term week.

The nearest courses for our pupils will be held at Valley Gardens Middle School, Whitley Bay or Goals Newcastle in Gosforth.

Booking information and contact details are included on the flyer. Many thanks.