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Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear All

As you may know the school has been experiencing the most challenging time, in terms of staffing, since the pandemic started nearly two years ago.

Several staff have contracted Covid-19 since the Christmas break and another virus has also been circulating, which has resulted in lengthy sick leave amongst staff too. Mrs Watkins and I were both off ill with this bug during the week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> January and I can testify it flattens you!

During this time Miss Crook kept the school running ably supported by Mrs Richards, Miss Smith, Mrs Wilson and our student teacher Mrs Odor; who all covered extra classes. All our wonderful teaching assistants and office staff also did (and continue to do) extra duties and went the extra mile to keep the school running!

Last week some things changed ... but not all for the better! I returned from my week's sick leave, but unfortunately Miss Smith tested positive for C-19. Mrs Watkins and Mrs Dugwell remained on sick-leave. Luckily, we were able to welcome a new teacher (supply) to the school; Miss Badham. Miss Badham is a former colleague of Mrs Wilson (at another school in Salisbury) and she has already fitted in extremely well.

**This week, as it stands** Mrs Dugwell, Miss Smith and Mrs Watkins all remain absent. This means the teachers in charge of the classes are:

Butterfly Class = Mrs Richards

Owl Class = Miss Badham

Woodpecker Class = Mrs Bridson

Fox Class = Mrs Wilson

Robin Class = Miss Crook.

### **A chance to find out how your child is getting on...**

The '**Open Door**' sessions as advertised on the school calendar have now been moved from February to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022. 15:15 to 16:00.

These afternoons provide a chance for families to come into school to see the classrooms and look at their child's books so that **the Parents' Evening on Thursday 10th March and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March** do not entail

too many people mixing and 'hanging around'. The plan is for these meetings to take place in the hall (similar to pre-C19, but without books and wandering around the school)

If possible, please could families with surname **A-L** come on **TUESDAY 01.03.22 15:15-16:00**

Families **M-Z** come on **WEDNESDAY 02.03.22 15:15 - 16:00**.

For safety...

- Please wait on the large or small playground and enter the school when invited to by a member of staff
- Use the same doors as used by the children to enter and exit the classrooms in the mornings etc!
- Wear a mask
- Hand gel on entry and exit
- Keep 'touching' to a minimum
- DO NOT enter the toilets used by children
- DO NOT ENTER THE HALL (Night Owls are in there!)

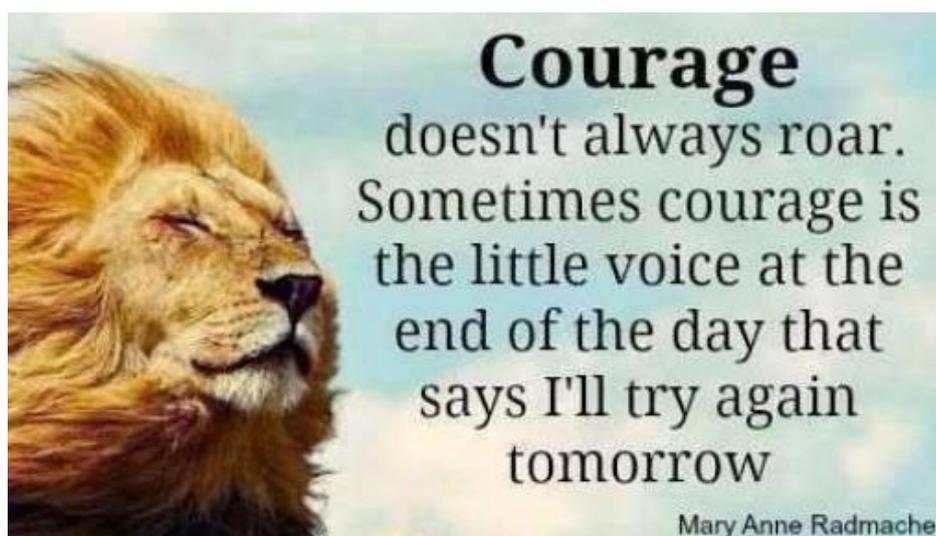
If you are unable to come at 15:15 please arrive at any time after that... but before 16:00!

**Parents' Evenings** on **Thursday 10th March and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022** are planned to be face-to-face events (in the school hall). Booking details to follow soon!

### Other Information:

- we break for a holiday on **Friday 18.02.22**
- we return to school on **28.02.22**, following the holiday
- the **emergency contact number** for Early Birds and Night Owls is now **07432845958**

**This term our theme for collective worship and reflection is 'Courage'...**



With so many people (old and young) continuing to feel anxious, it's been a very appropriate concept to think about. We all need to continue to support and ENCOURAGE each other, each day!

Kindest regards

Mrs. Kay Bridson