



2nd November 2009

Newsletter

Welcome back for the second half of the Autumn Term 2009.

Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies in school each day and I would suggest a minimum donation of 40p to this worthy cause.

Parents' Evening

Tuesday 3rd November 2009 5.00pm-8.00pm Whole School

Tuesday 10th November 2009 3.30pm - 6.00pm (Not Miss Ryan's class)

Wednesday 4th November 2009 3.30pm - 6.00pm Miss Ryan's class only.

Sorry no crèche available on this evening.

Please note there will be no clubs running on the Tuesdays of Parents' Evenings and the Ballet Class has been moved to a Friday for these two weeks. The after school child care club 'Cool Club' will run as usual.

Swine Flu latest (Health Protection Agency)

Background

The pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza virus is now established within the community and is expected to be the predominant influenza virus circulating over the forthcoming influenza season. Worldwide, the virus has remained stable and remains relatively mild for most people. Revised Department of Health (DH) planning guidance on swine flu, issued 21 October 2009, shows attack rates in children remain higher than would be expected for seasonal flu and it is important that schools continue to follow the advice issued by Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF).

Although the virus is mild for most people, HPA advice is that adults and children who are in the groups being targeted for the first wave of vaccinations should come forward for vaccination when asked by their general practitioner. This includes children and young people with respiratory conditions. Emerging evidence suggests that those with chronic neurological conditions such as cerebral palsy are at greater risk of more serious illness from the pandemic virus than the general population.

General principles

General practitioners will be contacting adults and parents of children in the priority at-risk groups, inviting them to come in for vaccination.

- *Pupils or staff with symptoms consistent with flu should stay at home.*
- *As most cases of swine flu are mild, the advice remains that schools should not close automatically because pupils have swine flu and the HPA will not routinely be recommending closure.*
- *However, if there are 20% or more of the school population reporting influenza-like illness, the school may need to close for operational reasons.*
- *Early treatment and prophylaxis of certain contacts (pupils with serious underlying conditions) with antivirals continues to be recommended.*
- *Pupils should not stay at home unless they are ill.*

Influenza immunisation

The H1N1 vaccination is now becoming available and general practitioners will be contacting adults and parents of children who have been identified as being priority groups for vaccination for example people with respiratory conditions, diabetes and chronic neurological conditions.

Symptomatic pupils and staff

Children, staff and visitors with influenza-like illness symptoms should not attend school so that the chances of spread to other children and staff are minimised. Children who develop symptoms at school will be isolated until parents take them home.

Mrs Porter

Mrs Porter (Meal Time Assistant) will leave us on 20th November after 13 years of service at Warberry Primary School. We would like to thank her for all her years of dedicated work for our children and wish her well for the future.

Late arrivals

If your child does arrive late please present yourselves at the school office, where this will be noted, and the child will be given a red slip with the reason for the lateness, which needs to be handed to the class teacher. Reception staff will take your child to their class.