



## Weekly Briefing - week of 7th February March 2022

Children are to arrive between **08:45 and 08:55** when the school day starts and gates will be closed. FC and Year 1 to be taken to the gates outside their classrooms. Years 2 to 6 to be dropped at either The Styles or Orchard Way gates and children walk to their classrooms. **Children who arrive late will need to report to reception.**

**Please continue to email the school office with any messages/requests unless it's urgent; emailing your messages and requests helps to ensure we can deal with them quickly and efficiently - [office.2563@harwell.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2563@harwell.oxon.sch.uk).  
Thank you to all our parents for your cooperation and understanding.**

Monday 7th February	morning	Year 1 PE Day	
	lunchtime	Food ordered in class or in advance via parentpay Chess Club	
	afternoon		
	after school	The Barn after school club Monday to Thursday <b>NO FOOTBALL clubs</b> <b>Parent Consultations: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6</b>	3.15 to 6.00 3.30 to 4.15
Tuesday 8th March	morning	Year 3 Visit to the Roald Dahl Museum  Year 4 PE Day	Leaving at 08:45, children in school by 08:30 latest.
	lunchtime		
	afternoon		
	after school	<b>Parent Consultations: FC, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6</b>	
Wednesday 9th March	All Day	International Day at DGS - Year 6 - all year 6 to bring in a <b>named</b> plastic bag and water bottle. Lunch will be at school as normal.	
	morning		
	lunchtime	Blue Sky Book Club - Year 5	
	afternoon	Whole class ukulele lesson Year 5	
	after school	Magic Club followed by Parkour Club - hall <b>SEE BELOW</b> <b>Parent Consultations: FC, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 5</b>	
Thursday 10th March	All Day	Roving Bookshop - all classes will visit the book shop in the hall	
	morning	Year 2 & Year 5 PE Day Strings lessons - individual and whole class (Year 3)	
	afternoon		
	after school	Sewing Club Year 6 - Nest	3.30 to 4.15

Friday 11th March	morning	<b>ALL CHILDREN TO WEAR PE KIT TO SCHOOL for active Gold Time</b>	
	afternoon		
	after school	<b>HSA Donuts - rescheduled from 18/2</b> Barn after school club finishes at 5.30	

### Key Dates for the Spring Term

Week of 7th March	Parent - Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 16th March	Class photographs
Week of 21st March	Year 6 bikeability
Thursday 31st March	Year 3 Parent Outcome 2.30 to 3.00
Friday 1st April	HSA - Family Bingo
Tuesday 5th April	FC Parent Outcome 2.40
Wednesday 6th April	Year 6 Parent Outcome 2.00 to 2.30
Thursday 7th April	Lambing - walk to Princes Manor Farm Year 2 Parent Outcome 2.45 to 3.15
Friday 8th April	Last day of term

## ‘Prosecco and Paint’ – HSA Brush Party Fundraiser

**7pm – 9.30pm** on Friday the **25<sup>th</sup> March 22** at the Harwell School Hall.

Join us for a fun night of painting whilst enjoying a glass of bubbles and raffle. No experience necessary, this really is an opportunity to follow the techniques shown, and produce something rather impressive!

Great to do with friends, or indulge in a little ‘me time’.

Tickets include: *Painting utensils, large canvas (to take home on the night), artistic instruction and support, a glass of Prosecco (non-alcoholic alternative available), and an entry into the raffle.*

There will be a HSA run bar serving hot and cold drinks, and a variety of tasty snacks to nibble on.

Only 30 spaces (age 15+) so - First come, first served! Would make a great Mother’s Day present if you’re stuck on ideas.

**Tickets: 1 x space = £30** (non-refundable, unless you/we can sell your ticket on)

Tickets available via parentpay now

**DONUTS will now be available on Friday 11th March. All orders placed previously will be honoured. If however, you wish to cancel your order and have a refund via parentpay, please contact the school office by email - thank you**

**FAMILY BINGO - FRIDAY 1ST APRIL** - book your tickets via Parentpay Adults £8 and Children £4 to include a Ploughmans Platter on tables of 8. **If you want to book a full table email the office with numbers of adults/children on your table and an individual parentpay item will be set up for you. Or book individual tickets and the HSA will place you.**

*Great Fun - prizes for children and adults - line and Full House*

**MAGIC (YEARS 2 TO 6) AND PARKOUR CLUB (YEARS 3 TO 6) ARE ON  
WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL -  
CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR FURTHER DETAILS**



## **BENEFITS**

Communication, presentation and tenacity are all needed to learn and perform; not to mention memory and motor skills, confidence, teamwork and patience. All these things are vital life skills, which will be developed through a passion for Magic. It's not just for them though; watching your child's joy when mastering tricks, and then encouraging that engagement with others, is a wonderfully satisfying feeling for any parent.

Professor Richard Wiseman, a psychologist at Hertfordshire University, said:

"...it taught, self-discipline, social skills and developed self-esteem, confidence, empathy and interaction."

## **WHY MAGIC?**

Magic is one of the most primal and most beautiful forms of entertainment that man knows. It is a learnt skill that brings a smile to the learners face, as well as their audience. Magic contains a moment of astonishment; a surprise that we rarely experience in today's modern world. It is a universal language that engages inclusively. It connects people and allows mind growth, intrigue and curiosity; taking people momentarily into a problem-free world where the impossible becomes possible.

### **GET IN TOUCH**

Booking: [academyofmystery@gmail.com](mailto:academyofmystery@gmail.com)

Web: [www.radekhoffman.com/academy](http://www.radekhoffman.com/academy)

Phone: 0794 333 2572

## EXTREME READING & WORLD BOOK DAY

*Photographs will be added to the website soon*

*The whole school enjoyed watching 'The Sword in the Stone' in the afternoon*

### DOUBLE BASS MUSIC LESSONS?

There is some interest in starting double bass music lessons (Year 4 and above).

If your child would like to get involved, please email them for further information

[music.service@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:music.service@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

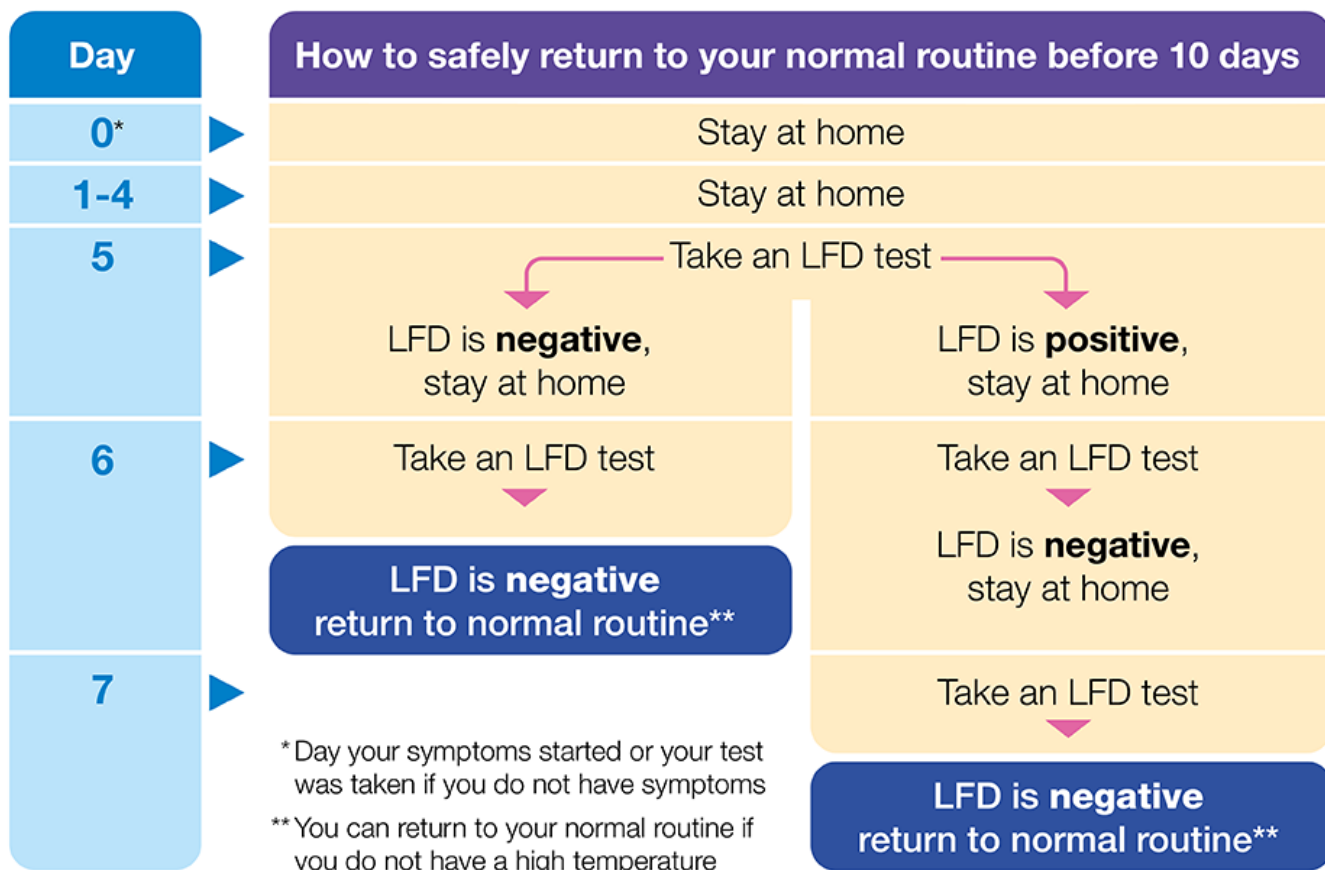


**Booking is directly with the music service and not via the school**

### COVID

**If your child displays covid symptoms, please take them for a PCR test.** The most important symptoms of COVID-19 remain any recent onset of any of the following:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



This is a link to the [Covid19: people with Covid19 and their contacts](#) published 24 February 2022

People identified by Track & Trace as a close contact: People who are fully vaccinated or children/young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with Covid-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take an NHS rapid lateral flow test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal unless they have a positive test result. Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part.

#### How this applies to education

- All eligible staff in education and childcare settings, and all students and pupils aged 5 and above are strongly advised to take seven daily LFD tests **IF** they are identified by Test and Trace as a close contact of a confirmed positive case. It is strongly advised that the daily LFD test is taken before leaving the house for the first time each day.
- Participating is advisory but is strongly encouraged. This will help reduce transmission and support continued face-face education.
- The process for identifying contacts has not changed and will continue to be managed by NHS Test & Trace. Schools are not required to add to existing processes for recording test results but are encouraged to promote testing and reporting amongst staff, students, and pupils.
- Primary age children can be identified as close contacts. This is because being identified as a close contact means a person is at higher risk of having Covid-19 and the additional testing will enable us to better identify infections at an earlier stage. Most LFD tests now only use nasal swabs which are less invasive for younger children. Parents of primary school children should order test kits via pharmacies or online Find where to get rapid lateral flow tests - NHS (test-and-trace.nhs.uk).

This is a link to the [current parent guidance about schools](#) updated 20/01/2022

*Please can you advise us if you or your child has a positive LFD or PCR test - thank you*