

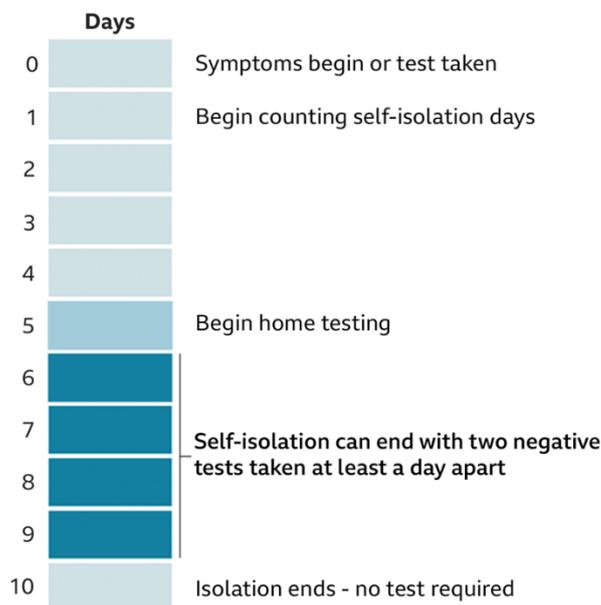
Monday, 31st January 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

We are coming towards the end of the spring half term and I am pleased to announce that the Covid infection rates for the school have reduced compared to a few weeks ago. Thank you once again for following the ever changing instructions to protect our school community. I don't think I've ever updated a risk assessment so much before.

Here is a useful visual guide regarding isolation period if you or your child becomes infected with Covid.

How five-day isolation rule works in England



Source: NHS



Exciting events happening across the school

Year 3:

This term, Year 3 have been learning all about rocks and fossils and as part of this we had two paleontologists come and visit us. Throughout the day, we had the chance to see some real fossils up close, touch them and draw them as well as learning all about how they form. We also learnt all about what rocks are and the different types of rock on our Earth. We even got to meet Mary Anning (1799 – 1847), the famous first female paleontologist from Lyme Regis which was really interesting! We all had an absolutely amazing day!



Year 4

This term, Year 4 were very excited to be visited by Stephen from the Dinosaur, Wildlife & Education Centre. He brought with him an array of creatures, all as wonderful as the next! Every child and staff member, who wanted to, got the opportunity to touch and hold different beasts and we were very pleased to see such braveness and responsibility shown by the children. We have popped a range of photos on our Facebook if you want to see the children with the creatures, which included three types of snakes, a chameleon, a skunk, a tarantula, a scorpion and many more! Thank you to parents and carers for helping create such a wonderful opportunity for the children. They have been very inspired by the visit and brought their new learning back into the classrooms for our work on habitats, living things and even in creating some wonderful animal catching machines!

Year 1

To celebrate World Religion Day, Year 1 had a special visitor. Mrs Jurdado delivered a fantastic, informative presentation about life as a Jehovah's Witness. The children learnt all about the origin of the religion, the beliefs and how these are different to other religions around the world. The children then took part in a range of activities which explored their own ideas of what paradise would look like for them. Year 1 would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Jurdado for taking the time to visit us.



Year 6

The year 6 pupils have been writing some creative poetry to demonstrate their knowledge of the Vikings, SLT were lucky enough to hear their wonderful work and these will also be shared with parents at the end of the term.

Friends of Redwell Primary School:

We are holding our next meeting at **2 p.m. Friday 4th February**. We would love to have more members on the team and would like FoRPS like to represent all members of our school community. Being a member of FoRPS allows parents to:

- Work in partnership with the school to decide on the key priorities to take forward;
- Provide a voice for parents in schools and in their local authority on issues that are important to them;
- Improve the school's understanding of how to engage parents in their children's learning and in the life of the school;
- Support the school to develop strong home/school partnerships;
- Communicate regularly with the school, both to hear their views and keep them informed;
- Support improvement by discussing the school's strengths and areas for development from a parental perspective;
- Help make links with the wider community;
- Capture the unique and varied skills, interests, knowledge and experience that parents can offer.
- To get involved with fundraising, to provide resources and experiences for your children.

If you would like more information please contact Natasha.Kelf@redwellprimary.co.uk or **just turn up on the 4th February**. Mrs Kelf will meet parents at the main reception at 2 p.m. The meetings are informal over a cup of tea or coffee and maybe even a biscuit!

Play Leaders:

Mr Liddington and Mr Fox modelling play sessions to our Year 6 Play Leaders this week to train them to deliver games on the playground for the other children to enjoy. We look forward to our play leaders delivering fun and active sessions during lunch times and play times over the rest of the year. Good luck guys and have fun!



Planet Super League:



HAVE FUN AND PLAY FOR THE PLANET

As you are aware, we have been taking part in Planet Super League (PSL). PSL is a place for fans of all ages to learn about climate action and do fun things to cut their emissions – whether at home, at school or at work. The children have been completing some activities in school and some at home, culminating in our school's total amount of goals currently standing at **1218!** If you haven't already, go to <https://planetsuperleague.com> to register and start completing activities and helping climate change! Every goal scored adds to the school total and shoots us up the leader board.

Northampton Town Football Club Community Trust (NTFC):

Redwell have become an official partner in the Northampton Town Football Club Community Trust (NTFC) learning mentor scheme. Today we received our plaque to acknowledge the working partnership. We look forward to working with Mr Sam Liddington and the team to develop the community links between the school and the football club. There will be a number of exciting opportunities for the community to engage with the club including competitions, projects and tickets to watch the first team.





Home Learning:

Please be reminded that if your child is self-isolating due to Covid that all home learning is updated weekly on our school website for your child to complete (if they are well enough to do so). The link to this is <https://www.redwellprimary.org.uk/teaching-learning/home-learning>

Attendance Policy:

Please find a copy of our updated attendance policy.

Forthcoming Dates:

Chinese New Year (Tiger) – 1st February 2022

Year 1 Visitor - Great Fire of London Visit – 11th February 2022

Mental Health Week - 7th -11th February 2022

Online safety day – 8th February 2022

Last day of term – Friday 11th February 2022

Spring 2 Term – Reopen to pupils – Monday 21st February 2022

Thank you once again for your continued support. If you do have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact me at head@redwellprimary.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Claire Head
Principal