



Friday 5th November, 2021

Welcome back!

We hope this letter finds you well and you have had a lovely half term break. We have a lot of exciting learning opportunities coming up for the children over the next couple of months. This term is always very busy but such a lovely time for the children.

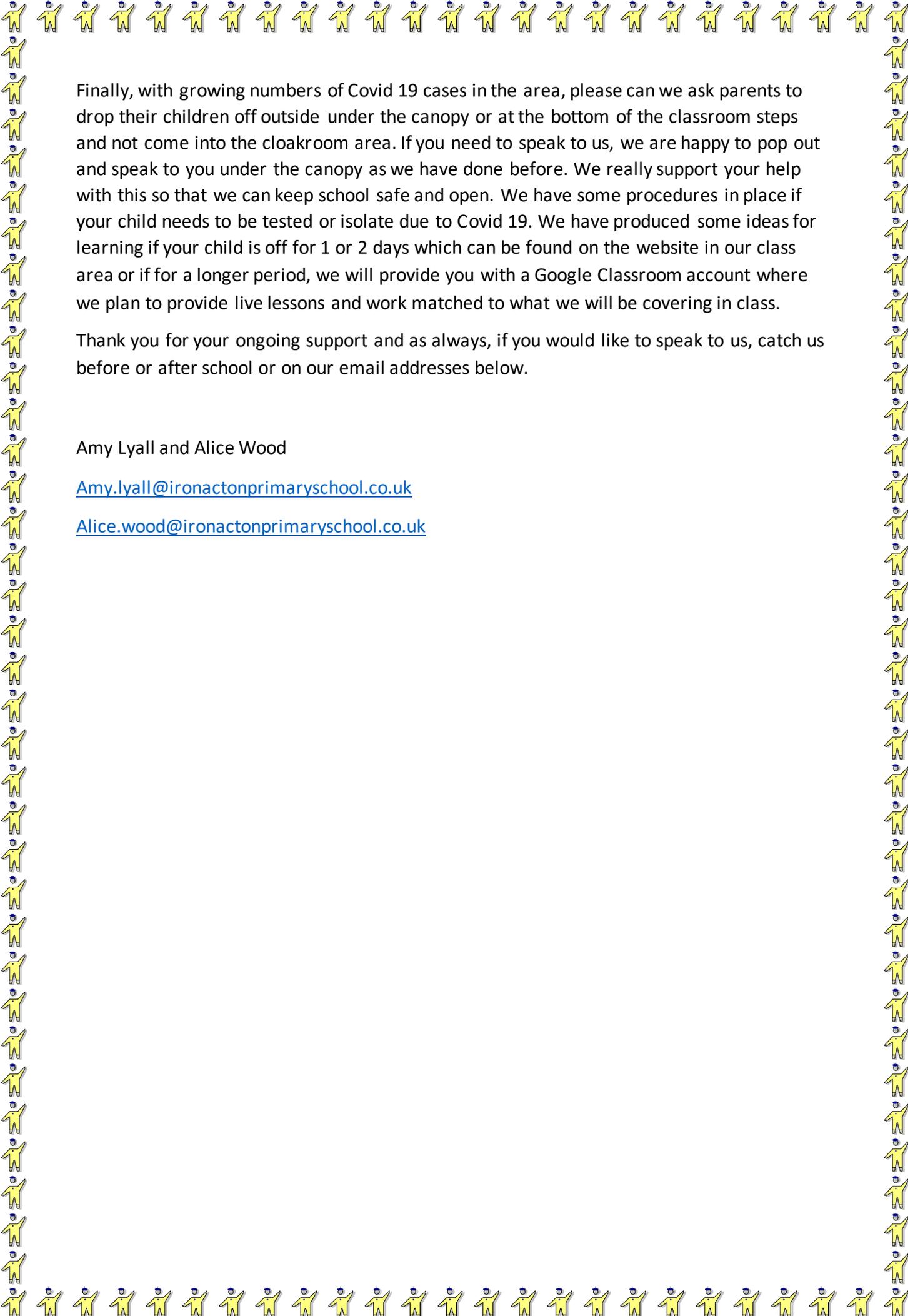
A lot of our learning this term will focus around the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will act and retell the story and also provide lots of opportunities to put our developing phonics knowledge into practise; writing labels, captions and sentences about the story. In continuous provision, there will be time spent exploring materials, deciding which materials are best for building and lots of small and large construction opportunities. In addition to this, we will be focusing on some of the anniversaries and festivals that feature at this time of year such as Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday, Diwali and of course Christmas! We have some exciting art and design and technology opportunities linked to fireworks planned in particular for the upcoming week.

At this time of year we always get excited about preparing for our Christmas nativity with Falcons Class! This year we are planning for this to take place in the church although we will need to follow government guidance if coronavirus guidelines change. We know this is such an exciting moment for parents to come and watch. We are putting our finishing touches together to our plans and will send you some more information about this over the next week. The nativity dates are **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm** and **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm**.

Barn Owls Class are now really familiar with our whole school behaviour initiative. We have talked a lot about our rules 'Be safe, be ready, be respectful' and we have a recognition board which promotes good learning behaviours. Barn Owls have really embraced this! They have shown great understanding and perseverance to reach these targets and feel very proud when they find themselves on our class rainbow.

All children are now bringing home reading books and we ask that you try and hear your child read at least 5 times a week. Books will be changed when you have marked in the reading record three times. We encourage each book to be read three times. This is to encourage decoding skills, fluency, expression and understanding. We will aim to hear your child week twice a week as part of our guided reading group sessions. Please could reading books and yellow reading records be in everyday.

Just a reminder that children under 5 are entitled to free milk. You should receive a letter from school milk services before their 5th birthday giving you the opportunity to purchase milk if you wish them to continue receiving it. If your child would like toast, please pay 50p at the beginning of the week.



Finally, with growing numbers of Covid 19 cases in the area, please can we ask parents to drop their children off outside under the canopy or at the bottom of the classroom steps and not come into the cloakroom area. If you need to speak to us, we are happy to pop out and speak to you under the canopy as we have done before. We really support your help with this so that we can keep school safe and open. We have some procedures in place if your child needs to be tested or isolate due to Covid 19. We have produced some ideas for learning if your child is off for 1 or 2 days which can be found on the website in our class area or if for a longer period, we will provide you with a Google Classroom account where we plan to provide live lessons and work matched to what we will be covering in class.

Thank you for your ongoing support and as always, if you would like to speak to us, catch us before or after school or on our email addresses below.

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