



It is that time of year when flu season is amongst us. Recently, an email was sent to you from the School Nursing Team to request your permission to give your child a Nasal Flu Vaccine. This is not an injection, merely a squirt of the vaccine up the child's nose, which when asked, "How did that feel?" They often reply, "It tickled."

Not all parents may want their child to receive a flu jab in school and this is perfectly acceptable. However, we have been asked to advise all parents that unless you have completed the online form to give permission then no flu jab will be given on **Tuesday 13th October**. Flu jabs are free to all pupils in EYFS – Year 6. We thoroughly recommend that your child receives a flu jab as it is now more than ever important to safeguard their health and wellbeing within our ever changing times.

Next week is Parents Evening and as previously explained these appointments will take place over the telephone. If you have not yet booked your time slot, please call or email the school office to do so. Discussing your child's start to the academic year, their current attainment levels and the work that is in place to support your child is crucial in ensuring that they succeed here at Ringstead. This is also an opportunity for you to ask specific questions to your child's teacher which you cannot easily do at the moment, due to the staggered starts and finishes of the school day.

The School has a legal responsibility to ensure that a SENCo is in post. For the past few years, Mrs Shaw has executed this role. However, due to returning after maternity leave to a part time position and now having the demands of a young person to look after she has chosen to relinquish this role. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Shaw for her hard work during her time as SENCo.

During Mrs Shaw's maternity leave, Mrs Hickey was Acting SENCo and I am pleased to announce that Mrs Hickey will now be taking on the role of SENCo on a permanent basis. Therefore, if you feel the need to seek additional support with regards to meeting the needs of your child in terms of their learning, mental or physical difficulties or wellbeing please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Hickey directly.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, despite the weather!

Mrs Roberts

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 6th October Parents Evening
5.00pm – 7.00pm (Telephone conversations)

Wednesday 7th October Parents Evening
3.30pm – 5.30pm (Telephone conversations)

Friday 9th October – Individual Photos
Individual school photos. Sibling photos are available from 8.30am in the morning.

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th October Y5/6
Bikeability

Tuesday 13th October Nasal Flu Vaccines
Forms to be completed online.

School Dinners

Please may I remind you all that it is vital that you book your child's dinner using ParentPay. We currently have a temporary cook in post and if a child's meal has not been selected then this is not catered for. We do not want any child to go hungry – which they will not, however they will only get what is left. Thank you.

Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.

Proverbs 22 v 6