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Reedley Primary School



Vaccination for primary age children

Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advice on COVID-19 vaccination for healthy 5 to 11 year olds

The <u>NHS</u> is currently offering vaccines to at-risk children and those who live with immunosuppressed people in this age group. Parents and guardians of at risk 5 to 11 year olds should wait for the NHS to contact them, with local NHS teams already contacting those who are eligible.

On Wednesday 16 February, the government accepted the advice from the independent JCVI to make a non-urgent offer of COVID-19 vaccines to all children aged 5 to 11 in England. The JCVI advice follows a thorough review by the UK's independent medicines regulator, the MHRA, which approved Pfizer's paediatric vaccine, as safe and effective for children aged 5 to 11.

Children without underlying health conditions are at low risk of serious illness from COVID-19 and the priority remains for the NHS to offer vaccines and boosters to older age groups and vulnerable children, as well as to catch-up with other childhood immunisation programmes.

The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer <u>to all</u> <u>children during April</u> so parents can, if they want, take up the offer to increase protection against potential future waves of COVID-19, as we learn to live with this virus.

The <u>updated JCVI advice for vaccinating 5 to 11 year olds</u>, which was published on Friday 18 February by the NHS, confirms that community pharmacy-led local vaccination services and vaccination centres should be the primary delivery models for this cohort.

COVID Risk Assessment

The updated risk assessment is now on the school website. Our staff are still going to wear masks in communal areas around school, and on the school gate for the time being.

The School Day

Thanks for your help at the start of the school day. The gates will open at 08:40 and close at 08:50. At the end of the day, the gates will open at 15:20 and close at 15:30.

Parent Questionnaire

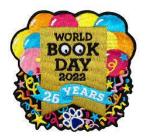
Your children will be bringing parent questionnaires home today. Please complete them and return them to school by Friday 11.03.22. Thank you!

Year 3 / 4 football

On Tuesday, Ms Price-Hunt and Coach Wall took some of our Year 3 and Year 4 children down to The Leisure Box to play football. They had a great time and represented Reedley School incredibly well!

World Book Day

So, yesterday was the 25th World Book Day! We are now so used to getting ready for it; dressing up, doing a whole range of book-related activities, and immersing ourselves in stories, poems and plays, that it is properly part of our school year.



At Reedley this year, we have asked children to bring a 'book in a jar' to school. There have been some BRILLIANT ideas, and we've loved seeing them and sharing them in class. Please check out the school website for some piccies!



Some children came into school yesterday dressed as one of their favourite book characters, which has been lovely to see. Again, check out the website for some photos.

Thanks for all of your support from home with reading, making books in jars, and finding dressing-up outfits!

Parking

PLEASE help us to keep your children safe by not parking on the yellow lines at the beginning and end of the school day. Please also be really careful if you put your car partly onto the pavement. This week, we've had some 'near misses' when parents have almost knocked children over who were on the pavement. Thank you for your support.

