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2nd November 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope you and your children were able to have a well-earned rest over the half term. Children were noticeably tired and ready for the half term. Hopefully, they have returned fresh and ready for their exciting new learning opportunities this half term.

Health & Safety Reviews

I wanted to reassure parents that our current risk assessments and procedures are constantly being reviewed in light of guidance from Local Authority, Government and Public Health regarding Covid-19. May I take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for observing social distancing measures in the yard, not sending their children in poorly and supporting us with the strategies we have in place.

Poppy Appeal

Our poppy appeal will begin this week to support the Royal British Legion. We are very much aware that many parents may not want their children to handle coins at this time but we still wish to support the charity where possible. The usual bracelets, poppy badges, rulers and bands are available for a donation suggested between £1-£2. Children may donate and choose their item at the school office should they wish to do so.

Reception & Year 1 visual check ups.

The School Health Team carried out eye tests for children in Reception and Year 1 on Monday 2nd November. Letters to parents regarding their results can be found in your child's book bag today.

Flu Immunisations

If you have not already so, please could you ensure your child's flu immunisation form is returned to school or the Flu Immunisation Team (to the address provided on the form) as soon as possible. Thank you.





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Parent Consultations

On Monday 16th November, we will be holding our second parent consultation via telephone. This term the focus will be on learning, progress made and gaps that need to be addressed. The booking form will be sent via Parentmail in due course.

Children In Need

On Friday 13th November, we will be marking Children In Need and raising money for this charity. Children may come to school in something spotty or wear Pudsey garments, costumes for a donation. Thank you. Children may bring the money in and hand it to their class teacher on the day.

Anti-Bullying Week

Week commencing the 16th November is national Anti-Bullying Week. Classes will be addressing strategies to prevent anti-bullying and promote healthy relationships in their work this week.

Staffing

Some celebratory news to kick start the half term - Mr Woods got married over half term. Congratulations. Mrs Stocks is also expecting her second child at the start of the new year. To provide consistency for the children, Mrs Campbell, a trained teacher who has been working in that class this term, will cover the maternity leave in the New Year.

Christmas arrangements

Although Christmas may still seem some time away, preparations usually start to take place in this term. This year Christmas Lunch will still be taking place in school in the last week of term. Children will still be able to have a class celebration on the last day. Our usual whole school Christmas performance will not be able to take place this year as we cannot mix groups of children but there will be a recorded carol performance where each class will take part. We are intending to video the performance and share it with parents so you can enjoy their festivities. Consent for your child to take part and be recorded will be sent to you soon via Parentmail.

Dates For Diaries

2nd November - Eye tests Reception & Year 1





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13th November - Children In Need dress up
16th November - Parent consultations
16th November - Anti-Bullying Week
Week commencing 14th December - Christmas Lunch
18th December - Christmas celebrations

Regards,
Louise Fletcher
Headteacher

