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Head Teacher's News

It has been a very fulfilling week in school and, as I have been walking around the classrooms, I have been delighted with the way in which the whole school has transitioned back into purposeful learning; Year 5/6 have been developing their French by learning the names of classroom equipment; Year 3/4 have been making the most of the new maths resources with some fantastic practical Place Value learning; Year 1/2 have been reading and listening to stories and answering some very challenging questions and Badgers have been testing their number and letter knowledge (as well as baking apple cake and washing windows).

As we are not currently able to 'do' Collective Worship as we normally would, I am recording videos and uploading them to the school website. The first can be found under the 'Collective Worship' tab. It is in 4 parts as I am not currently able to upload large files. Hopefully, this will be resolved shortly.

Social Distancing

Having schools fully back has created a real sense of liberation and joy for all of us and I am enjoying it as much as anyone. However, we all still have a responsibility to keep ourselves and our community safe by following good social distancing practices. For us, this means resisting the temptation to gather in groups to chat, whether on the school premises or outside the gates. In addition, please ensure that you are maintaining social distance at all times: the current guidance is 1 metre plus.

Illness

Inevitably, at this time of year, coughs and colds begin to go around. This year, however, is slightly different! I have attached a reference guide for you so that you know what to do in a range of situations regarding symptoms of COVID-19. Please note that, **if your child or anyone in your household**, has any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature, persistent cough or loss of sense of smell or taste) **even if you think it is 'just a cold' or they have other, non-COVID related symptoms as well, they must not attend school.** In this situation, your whole household will need to self-isolate for 14 days, or until a negative test result has been received. It is very difficult to get a test currently, so this adds to the complication, but this process is so important to keep our whole community safe. We all have a responsibility to do our bit in fighting this pandemic, and this is how we can contribute to protecting everyone.

I hope you all have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Sam Browne

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PTA

We had an excellent meeting of the PTA on Wednesday this week. Lots of important issues were discussed, in particular arranging events that can go ahead in the current climate and continue to raise vital funds for the school. This week, we received a large delivery of resources that the PTA kindly agreed to purchase for the school. Your children have already begun using these in class, and I will upload some photos of them in action to our Facebook page next week. The PTA does such an incredible job for our school, and it is vital that we all continue to support in any way we can.

One new way in which we can raise funds for the school is through Amazon Smile. Most of us use Amazon rather a lot, and by following this link: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and then searching for Radnage, you can raise funds for us simply through your normal shopping habits. Make sure you select Radnage CE Primary School Parent Teacher Association and, if possible, install the Amazon Assistant extension to your Chrome browser.

Important Information

Earrings: Whilst we are happy for children to wear earrings in school, please can you ensure that they are simple studs for health and safety reasons. Please also be aware that children will be asked to put medical tape over their earrings during PE, again for safety reasons.

Water Bottles: Please can you ensure that children only have water in their water bottles. They can have juice or squash in their lunch boxes, but only water in water bottles, please.

Snacks: Please remember that we ask for children to have fruit or vegetable snacks for break time. Badgers and KSI do not need a snack as we will provide them with fruit or vegetables. Please also make sure that they can peel any fruit or vegetable they have as staff on break duty are not currently able to assist with this due to social distancing.

Diary Dates

| Date | Occasion | Location | Who? |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| September 2020 | | | |
| Tues 22 nd | School Photos | Whole School | Everyone |
| Weds 23 rd – 7:30pm | FGB | Zoom | Governing Body |
| October 2020 | | | |
| Fri 23 rd | Break up for Half Term | Whole School | Everyone |
| November 2020 | | | |
| Mon 2 nd | School restarts | Whole School | Everyone |
| December 2020 | | | |
| Fri 18 th – 1:30pm | Break up for Christmas | Whole School | Everyone |

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