

19th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Another fortnight has flown by! Life in school continues to be positive for the children with so much great learning happening in all classes. This week is both Road Safety Week and Anti Bullying week, which has been incorporated into the curriculum. These are both such important parts of the children's education.

Our act of Remembrance last Wednesday was very moving, and we were grateful for the dry weather which allowed us to commemorate the 11th hour together in person – at social distance between classes of course.

Thank you so much for your support of Children in Need last Friday. The children looked lovely in their rainbow colours and enjoyed taking part in the Five to Thrive activities in their classes. We raised the wonderful sum of £292 – thank you everyone.

On Tuesday this week Y4 so enjoyed a virtual visit from an author – they have been enjoying her book as a class novel, and have benefitted from the on-line interaction. Tomorrow Y1 will have a virtual visit from Teaching Talons, and I know the children are very excited to see the animals. Thank you to the parents for your support with this. Next week Y2 will be virtually off to the Oxford Museum – so it is still 'all go' with additional enrichment opportunities for the children's learning.

Please could I remind all parents of the extreme importance of keeping us informed if you change your contact details. We should have two contact numbers in case of emergency; so if you update your phone or change contact adults, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thankfully it is a rare occasion when we need to contact you in a case of emergency, but it is essential we can do so.

May I also request that all items of clothing your children bring into school are clearly named. As the colder weather arrives and gloves, scarves and hats become the appropriate clothing, we usually end up with a huge collection of un-named items. In the challenging times it is even more difficult for un-named items to be claimed. Thank you for your help with this.

I would like to thank the PTA for their continued efforts to support the school in the current climate. I do hope you noted their communication from earlier this week. If you are able to support their fundraising efforts please do so as all the children benefit from this.

Next Wednesday we will be visited by the Nursing Team who will be immunising the children against flu. The deadline for responding is Monday 23rd November, so if you have not done so yet, please could you find a moment this weekend. Immunisation cannot be given without your consent, so if you wish your child to be protected please do not miss the deadline.

Just an advance notice for parents of children in Y2 regarding the National Phonics Test. As you will no doubt be aware this is historically taken in the summer term of Y1. However this year it will take place prior to the end of term in the week commencing 30th November. The children are asked to read a selection of real and imaginary words to me for this test. Results will be shared with you once we receive them back.

I hope you are all coping with the current lockdown arrangements as well as possible, and I thank you for your continued co-operation with all the regulations needed to try to keep the children and the staff of the school as safe as possible.

Mrs K. Tamlyn

Head Teacher