



NEWSLETTER – 13th November 2020

Coronavirus Update and Home Learning – You will be aware of the recent positive cases within school and we really appreciate all your messages of support for the staff affected. We continue to try our best to reduce the risk of transmission through our bubble system and other control measures. We are always guided by the Public Health Protection Team when we face a positive case in school. We carry out a joint risk assessment process and unfortunately this will usually mean that there will be the need for close contacts to self-isolate in line with Government guidance.

We have put significant investment of time and money into our home learning offer which is now far more structured. We do appreciate that there is a huge imposition on families if children are not able to be in school. Whilst what we offer is as close as remote learning can be to being in line with a regular school day, we do appreciate the challenges you face with working from home, juggling wider family commitments and the like at these difficult times. Please be assured that we will be sympathetic in situations where the juggling act is proving problematic and that should your child be required to self-isolate (either individually or as part of a wider bubble) then we ask that you ensure you strike an effective balance around the workload and it may be that not all tasks are completed every day.

It is clear that the virus is much more prevalent this time around and several local schools have been heavily impacted upon, let us hope the recent announcements around vaccines are the start of the turn of the tide.

BBC Children in Need – A big thank you from Pudsey Bear for all of the kind donations to this year's appeal, the school is filled with spots and bear ears today.



Anti-Bullying Week – Just a reminder that next week we will be marking Anti-bullying week and **on Monday as part of this we are asking children to come to school in odd socks** as we celebrate our differences. Various activities will take place across the week within the classroom.

Flu Vaccinations & Reception Class Update - The Public Health Nurses were back in school last Friday to complete the flu vaccination programme. If your child has not been immunised and you wish for them to be, then please contact your GP surgery.



School Reports - You should have received via Parentmail a copy of the brief interim report for your child(ren) last night. This replaced the usual settling in parents' evening. Should you have any queries about it then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Christmas Activities – As you will no doubt imagine, we are having to alter or adapt our Christmas plans, however, I wanted to assure you that whilst we will not be able to invite parents or carers into school as we normally would, we will still be having some very special activities in the final few weeks of term. Younger pupils will still be involved in a Christmas performance (although slightly adapted), Christmas lunches will be happening, as will our traditional Christmas Decorations and Jumpers Day and there will be one or two special surprises. We will provide you an outline of these events when they are finalised.

