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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Welcome back**

It has been lovely to be able to welcome everyone back to school this week. We've had a good first week back in school. There has been lots of learning taking place to start the curriculum journeys for the term. You will have received a Curriculum News for each year group, detailing the full curriculum on offer this half term.

This is also the half term that we become busy with lots of preparations for (dare I say it...) Christmas!! We will still be learning about and celebrating Christmas this year, of course, at the end of the half term – but this will look quite different to our usual Christmas activities. I am currently writing a much more detailed letter to you all, to explain what we usually try to do and how we will be achieving that this year. But for anyone who is very organised – we won't be able to have Christmas cards in school – so if you are planning on doing 5 each weekend until the final week – please don't start! But we have a good suggestion, that we'll share soon, of how we can spread the festive cheer to a wider audience.

Please remember, whilst we have tighter restrictions in place we do still have an 'open door policy' – which is a little different. I am available at the gate in the morning and afternoon, for the majority of days, as well as being able to talk to people over the telephone, or in some cases book an appointment with you. Please remember we are here to help.

### **Coronavirus Pandemic**

The new guidance has brought some changes for us as a school and the Risk Assessment is constantly being reviewed, to ensure the upmost safety of the children, families and staff at all times. We all have our part to play in ensuring we stick to the guidelines during the second lockdown which started on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Please can I ask us all to remember these really important things to ensure we, as a school, play our part:

- Only **ONE** adult per family group to attend the school premises at drop off and collection times.
- Please wear a face covering whilst on the school site
- Social distancing is the most important factor – please ensure this is the case at all times.
- Once your child has been dropped off or collected, please leave the school premises and make your onward journey to avoid any gatherings outside of the school site.
- We are working hard to keep bubbles separate – please help us to do this by socially distancing.
- Where possible please walk, cycle or scoot to school. If driving please part respectfully in the local community. Thank you.

The lockdown has brought further anxieties for lots of people. If you feel you need any support in any way, please do come and see us. We are able to sign post in different ways and may be able to help you.

If you feel your children need any additional support, again, please do send us a message via DoJo or admin email and we will get back to you.

The most important thing is to Stay Indoors, Make Essential Journeys only and Keep Safe, remembering to keep a safe distance, wash your hands and keep your face covered.



## **Remembrance Day**

We have plans under way to mark Remembrance Day, as a school, this coming week. All will be revealed in next week's newsletter. However, in the days leading up to Remembrance Day I will have the official merchandise at the gate with me in the morning and end of the day, if anyone wishes to purchase any this year. We would usually ask the children to bring donations to school and to come to office, but we are unable to offer this way of facilitating it this year. Apologies.



## **Children in Need**

Next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, is BBC Children in Need Day. We are inviting children to wear something spotty, yellow, white or Pudsey merchandise if you have it, to school for a minimum of £1 donation for this charity please. Donations will be collected at the gate to avoid children and staff handling the money in school. The children will be discussing this in the classroom and I'm sure you will see some of the classes on Class DoJo at the end of the day! Thank you in advance for supporting this charity.

## **Handwashing in school – soaps**

We understand that some children are experiencing sore hands as a result of extra handwashing. If you choose to bring moisturising creams in for your child to use, to combat this, the creams need to be brought into school via the school office, at the table outside. We need to know what is in school and who is using it. Creams must be clearly labelled. Some children are also bringing soaps into school if parents feel this is needed, which is fine, but sore hands are more likely to be caused by frequent handwashing therefore, moisturising cream may be more important. Sanitising alcohol gel is not to be brought into school please.

## **Parent Governor Vacancy**

A letter has been sent out earlier this term via email and Class DoJo regarding the vacancy on the Governing Body for a school Parent Governor. Interest or expertise in Human Resources, Health and Safety and Property Management are areas within our skills audit of FGB members that we are seeking. Unfortunately this time, we have not had any applications received.

Please see the detailed letter in your inbox with regards to this vacancy and if you would like to discuss this with me or a member of staff, please do so.

Many thanks ☺

## **PE Days**

Just a reminder of PE days for this half term.

Please ensure your child is wearing their full PE Kit of this day.

Thank you ☺

Day	Class	<b>Please remember the PE it is:</b>
Monday	Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plain black shorts or jogging trousers</li><li>• Bottle green polo short</li><li>• Plain black hoodie</li><li>• Pair of trainers</li><li>• NO jewellery &amp; hair tied up please</li></ul> <b>Please try to avoid items with Logo's.</b>
Tuesday	Year 6	
Wednesday	Year 4 & Year R	
Thursday	Year 3	
Friday	Year 1 & Year 2	



## Menu for next week...

Day	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
<b>Monday</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Salad, Sweetcorn & Peas	Summer Vegetable Risotto Sweetcorn & Peas	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Banana Chocolate Oaty Square , Fresh fruit, Yoghurt		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Lemon Turkey Stuffed Pitta Pouch with Rice, Tomato & Onion Slaw Grated Carrot & Raisin Salad	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Tomato & Onion Slaw Grated Carrot & Raisin Salad	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy, Carrot & Cabbage	Vegetable Wellington, Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrot & Cabbage	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Marble Cake or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
<b>Thursday</b>	Spaghetti Bolognese Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Five Bean Chilli with Rice Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Orange Drizzle Cake or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
<b>Friday</b>	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips Baked Beans & Peas	Cheese & Potato Wheel with Chips Baked Beans & Peas	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise.
	Dessert: Peaches & Ice Cream or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		

### Dates coming up:

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** Last day of term to break up for Christmas - (Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Development Days)

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020** - Return to the New School Year

Kind regards,

Rebecca Day - Headteacher

