Newsletter 3: Monday, 2nd November 2020

It is wonderful to welcome everyone back after half term, especially in such challenging times. Whilst we await the new restrictions which begin on Thursday we would like to assure you that we continue to maintain our staggered starts, play, lunch and finish times and will do our utmost to remain open for our children.

We would ask you to refresh yourselves with our Risk Assessment and continue to follow guidelines regarding children attending school in order to keep everyone safe and our school free from COVID this half term. It was a considerable achievement to do so last half term and hopefully by continuing to work together we will be able to maintain this. It is our intention to remain open unless Government guidelines dictate otherwise. We will carry on keeping you informed via our website and eschools pages.

In such uncertain times it is always wonderful to share good news. We are happy to announce that Miss. Raper is expecting her second child. I am sure you will join with us in sending her our congratulations and very best wishes.

Eschools:

Eschools remains a vital communication tool for us and as a result staff will continue to place all the usual information and home learning on this portal as the school year progresses. In the future should there be individual absences, a partial or whole school closure or local or national lockdown we will utilise this facility to continue educating our children.

Home Learning and Education:

Home learning supports a child’s learning enabling them to practise new skills, reconnect with prior knowledge or to prepare them for coming lessons. This will continue to be placed on Eschools and should be accessed by your child using their own login. PDFs and word files are utilised to enable everyone to access the work provided. Completed activities should be submitted online and teachers will acknowledge the work undertaken and respond with short comments if required. If you are unable to access home learning please inform your child’s class teacher as soon as possible. The existing organisation for the first half term will continue for each year group.

Short Reports and Parent/Teacher Consultations:

Short reports will be sent home on Friday, 13th November. Those parents who wish to have either a telephone conversation or a zoom meeting with the class teacher regarding the report should contact the class teacher directly through Eschools by 4pm on 18th November. If the class teacher does not hear from you by that time and day they will assume that you do not require a conversation and provision will be organised for those who have replied. We aim for conversations to be completed during 23rd to 27th November.

Road Safety Week:

Each class will be participating in activities during Road Safety Week 16th – 20th November with Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 taking part in Beep, Beep Day on Wednesday, 18th November.

Nasal Flu Immunisations:

We have been provided with a provisional date by the NHS of Friday, 4th December for the nasal immunisations. This date is to be confirmed.

Parking:

Regrettably, we have again been contacted by local residents about inconsiderate and dangerous parking. Please may we remind parents that no parking should occur outside school or towards the bend by school. There is ample parking near St. John’s church which we would be grateful if you could utilise it.

Christmas Arrangements:

We will hopefully be holding individual ‘bubble’ Christingle Services within school on Thursday, 3rd December, led by school staff.

Presently it seems highly unlikely that we will be able to welcome anyone into school before Christmas and so we are therefore planning Virtual Christmas Celebrations within school that will be recorded and made available through Eschools for you to share at this special time of year. We are however respectful of parents’ wishes, those who declined for their children to be photographed or for their images to be placed on our website and/or Eschools will take part in activities and practices within their class at school, but will not be photographed or recorded and they will not be present on any materials. We will keep you updated on the publication dates and arrangements.

We will be participating in our annual Christmas Jumper Day which will take place on Friday, 11th December. Children may attend school in their favourite Christmas jumper for the day.

Party Dates:

Monday, 14th December – Nursery (morning) and Reception (afternoon)

Tuesday, 15th December – Year 1 (morning) and Year 2 (afternoon)

Wednesday, 16th December – Year 3 (morning) and Year 4 (afternoon)

Thursday, 17th December – Year 5 (morning) and Year 6 (afternoon)

All parties will take place within class bubbles and children will not mix. Children may wear any party clothes for the full day but parents should be aware of the weather conditions or play and lunch breaks. No food or drinks will be provided to prevent possible sharing issues.

School will close for the Christmas break at the end of each session on Friday, 18th December.

Monday, 4th January is a training day and school will re-open for children on Tuesday, 5th January 2021.

Finally, let us hope that the new lockdown arrangements work to suppress the virus and these restraints enable us all to look forward to a Christmas with loved ones. Please take care and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. Cornelius