



October 20th 2020

Dear parents and carers

The half-term has flown by, your children have been amazing and should be congratulated for their hard work and excellent behaviour. We are very proud of them!



We are looking forward to our class pod parties to celebrate their efforts on Friday. Just a reminder that children can come to school in their own clothes (or a Halloween costume) and we will provide drinks and snacks and have fun and games. Please can I ask that if your child chooses to wear a Halloween costume it should be suitable for primary age children and not scary for others— we want the day to be fun for everyone. Costumes or masks which reference adult horror films are not appropriate. A bit of face paint is fine, but remember it's a long day!

Parents' Evenings

This week will be virtual parent's evenings for children in Year 1 to Year 6. A huge thanks to those who have booked appointments. This is the first time we have held meetings in this way and you should have received further guidance this week. If for some reason the technology lets us down don't worry, teachers will follow-up with a phone call. Please can I ask that wherever possible children are not present for your meeting with their teacher. If this is not possible please can you make the class teacher aware that your child is listening.

Meetings for children in Nursery and Reception will take place after half-term, details to follow.



Recovery Curriculum

Since we came back in September we have been ensuring that your children are safe and happy in school, and working hard to re-ignite their love of learning after such a long time away. Teaching staff have been assessing children and will continue to do so over the coming months. Any gaps in learning are being identified and additional lessons and interventions put in place. Whilst most of these will be during the school day we will be offering some short, after-school sessions for children in Years 1 to 6 where we have identified gaps. If we believe your child would benefit, their class teacher will discuss it with you at your child's parents evening. Our aim is to ensure that all of our children are confident learners and making great progress.

School Meals

After half-term we are moving to an online-meal ordering service so you will be able to choose a week's lunches in advance with your child. Miss Adey has sent out information, and log-in details will be sent on Thursday. If you are thinking of making the change to school meals we usually need a week's notice but will be happy to share more information and menus with you.

Christmas (sorry!)

Thanks to those who have already returned their Christmas card orders. Please can we have the rest by Monday 2nd November. Whilst Christmas in school won't be the same this year we have got some plans up our sleeve to share with you next half-term!



Whatever the news brings today, I wish you all a lovely half-term. School finishes at the usual time on Friday and we return on Monday 2nd November.

COVID-19

If any of your household have symptoms or are waiting for test results, please DO NOT send your child to school

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you are unsure please call NHS111 or visit <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>