



AUTUMN 1 2020

NEWSLETTER 2

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Hebrews 13:16

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God;”

Thank you! Your generosity last week for our non-uniform day in support of Macmillan raised a superb £579! A single £1 for wearing non-uniform might not feel like it can make a difference, but the single pounds quickly became hundreds when we joined them together! I'm sure the charity will make good use of such a great donation.

COVID Updates

There have been many updates to local and national restrictions in the light of the ongoing pandemic and we continue to keep up to date with DfE and Public Health guidance in school. I would like to thank you all for your support in adhering to our procedures and in particular for helping us manage drop off and pick up times as these are key pinch points in the day when the school is very busy.

Systems in school are running well; we continue to teach the children in their bubbles and implement an enhanced cleaning routine throughout the day. The children are a credit to you all in their sensible attitudes towards the necessary changes and they are working hard in all classes. There is time for fun too ... I have seen and heard some very enthusiastic PE lessons!

If you have any concerns or queries about our procedures, please do contact the school office. It is important that we know what you think is going well and what else you would like us to consider.

Communications

We are keen to ensure that our communications system with parents is as effective as possible. At present we are using a mixture of Marvellous Me,

Facebook, email, text and paper to send out information. Moving forward we will be sending all **official school communication** via the School Gateway app which is free for all parents to download. The office team will send information about how to access this app for parents who don't currently use it. **Please ensure you sign up and login to ensure you receive letters, notices and alerts.** This is especially important in the current climate in case we need to inform about any COVID related disruption.

Remote Learning

In the event of any further disruption to learning, either through children or staff not being able to attend, we have developed a Remote Learning Policy which will be sent out via the School Gateway. Teachers are currently 'testing out' Seesaw with your child by sending a task home. Please ensure your child accesses this and let us know if you encounter any difficulties. We want to iron out as many potential snags as possible before we may need to use remote methods.

Reports

As explained in my previous letter, we are not holding face to face consultation meetings this term. However, it is clearly important that we share with you how your child has settled back into school and where they are up to in their current learning. During the last couple of weeks, all children have undertaken some baseline assessments with their teachers, focusing on reading, writing and maths. Teachers have used these assessments, together with the children's class work to make a judgement on how close to age related expectations each child is currently working and to identify what areas need to be addressed to make up for lost learning during the closure.

In the final week of this half term, you will receive a short report about your child containing this

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information and some targets. Due to the disruption, it will not be uncommon for children to be 'below expectation' in some areas so please do not be alarmed if you see this on your child's report. If this has been identified in any area, the class teacher will ring you for a conversation about what steps are being taken to help children catch up and where you can help at home. Where children are assessed at being at current expectations, teachers will not routinely telephone.

School Lunches

KS2 parents have been notified that we plan to re-introduce a limited hot lunch offer week beginning 12th October. We expect this will run smoothly and hope to be able to make a similar offer to KS1 later in the term. This does involve the catering service providing some additional equipment so we will have to wait until this is available. In the meantime, please can I remind you that due to health and safety, packed lunches must only contain cold foods. Thank you.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Unfortunately, these provisions will remain closed for the foreseeable future. The nature of the clubs makes it difficult to maintain the separate 'bubbles' and therefore re-opening them could potentially increase the risk of transmission. Given the recent rise in cases both locally and nationally, it would be unwise to widen our provision just yet. We will continue to monitor the situation in the context of DfE and Public Health England advice and will inform parents as soon as possible when we are able to offer some out of hours activities.

Harvest

We do want to celebrate harvest with the children and with your support, donate to our local

foodbank. We will be taking donations of tinned and packet food in the week beginning 19th October which will 'quarantine' over the half term holiday before we give to the foodbank. Children will have opportunities in class during both weeks to reflect on Harvest, God's goodness to us and our role in sharing our resources.

Key Dates

There are a few additions to the previous letter to note:

15th October	Flu Immunisation YR-6
19th October	Harvest Focus
23rd October	Half Term
2nd November	PD Day - school closed to children
3rd November	School re-opens to children Harvest Focus
11th November	Remembrance Focus Day
13th November	Children in Need non uniform fundraiser
18th December	End of term

Don't forget to keep **Marvellous Me** to hand for celebrations of your children's achievements and for key messages.



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