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## Parent Newsletter – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, the weather has turned and it looks like an autumnal weekend. Thank you for your patience with our staggered start and finish times; I know it may be difficult in the wet.

Attendance this week has been better than last week, with around 10.12 children absent each day; predominantly because of heavy colds and so on. It is inevitable that this will happen as many of us have lowered our general immunity over lockdown. Remember, if your child is unwell to notify us of the reason and if they have any of the Covid Symptoms to refer for a test and notify us that you are doing so.

### Covid 19 – information

Thank you for the donations of tissues and antibacterial wipes. You have been most kind and we are grateful. We are purchasing lots of stock – you wouldn't *believe* how many paper hand towels we are getting through - but your contributions will be of great help.

### Flu Vaccination permission forms

Thank you very much to all parents who have returned their responses and forms for the school-wide nasal flu vaccination scheduled for later in the month. The school nursing team need these forms well in advance to organize their day, so if you haven't returned your form, please could you send it in by Monday morning at the latest. If the dog ate it, spare copies are available at the office.

### Secondary Transition

A reminder to parents of pupils in Y6 that the closing date for secondary applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### Wednesday Word

I sent out the Wednesday Word on Wednesday. I attach it again to the newsletter today for ease of access.

### Photographer and virtual tour

On Monday we are hosting a photographer in school who will be taking photographs of some classrooms and some children to feature in our 'Virtual open morning'. This is important to us as, owing to Covid-19 we are unable to host physical open mornings for prospective parents this year.

In these photographs, which will be available on our website, we are ensuring that we remove any sensitive information from classes, in line with our safeguarding and data protection policies. However, we would like to feature some pupils in the photographs as they are what makes our school what it is. You have recently been sent a form to complete to give permission for your child to be featured. Please make sure that you have completed this and returned it. Thank you.

### Letter from our chair of Governors, Mr. Bernard Munn

Yesterday we sent a letter from our Chair of Governors to all parents. Our Governors perform a vital task in helping our school to be well led and managed and having a strategic overview of the school. They spend a significant amount of time voluntarily performing their various roles and I'd like to thank them for all they do. Please read Mr. Munn's letter if you haven't already done so.

### Stars of the week

In our virtual assembly this morning we said well done to the following stars of the week from each class.

Orange Class – Reyes & Olive

Yellow Class – Advit & Miran

Green Class – Avon & Sara

Blue Class – Arthur & Maria

Indigo Class – Mia S & Laurence

Amethyst Class – Diego & Alex

Violet Class – Jessica & Jack

We shared the following prayer that I thought you might like:

Dear God,  
We open wide the doors of our school  
and invite you in.  
Please be in our lessons  
and help us to concentrate and learn.  
Watch over us as we share,  
play and laugh together.  
You love us all,  
and when we come together  
amazing and very special things happen.  
Thank you for our school.  
Amen.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr. Mooney

### Attachments

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