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Parent Newsletter – Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid 19 – Updates

You will have seen from my letter earlier in the day that we have had to close a class bubble today. I'm very sorry to do this, but we must follow all the procedures that keep everyone safe. We have sound plans to manage incidences of Covid-19 and have put all necessary measures in place.

What it does underline is the absolute necessity of making sure that we maintain good social distancing, wearing of face coverings, and site cleaning and hand washing to prevent transmission of the virus. We are all together in making the procedures work. Because of sound procedures in our school we have minimized the transmission and do not need to self-isolate any more than just the one bubble.

Please ensure that you follow all guidance for your households too, particularly regarding mixing with others during this period and also testing if symptoms appear in any part of your family and notifying us as necessary and as soon as you can. I will keep you updated as often as we need to so that you have the best information.

Thank you to all our Y4 parents for responding so well this morning when we identified that we would need to close for the bubble. We also appreciate the messages of support from parents and also pupils on Google Classroom. May I ask parents of pupils in Y4 who need to collect other siblings to, if they can in any way, avoid bringing their Y4 children to school at drop off and collection time. If there is no way around this, please contact me to discuss special permission to drive up to school, leaving your Y4 pupil isolated in the car. Remember that isolation means exactly that – eliminating contact with others. For more guidance see: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Admissions 2021

So far, I've held two webinars for prospective parents for 2021. We have two more on 24th November and 2nd December. Please pass the word to anyone who might be interested and signpost them to our website. I can arrange additional webinars for later in December if needed. At a time when schools are less physically accessible than ever before, I want to ensure that parents who might be considering our school have every opportunity to find out about it.

Anti-Bullying Week – Odd socks day

This week we have been thinking about how to combat bullying. The odd socks day on Monday was a great way to get off on the right foot (Intentional pun). Thanks for supporting it. Talk to your child about the discussions they have been having in class.

Class topic letters

I am sending topic letters from the teachers in Years 1-6 out today. I'm sorry that these have been delayed by an IT issue which is now resolved.

PTA news

A message from Mrs. Dawson, our interim PTA chair:

On Tuesday evening we held our first Zoom PTA meeting. So far this year we have raised £980 through the lottery, uniform sales, giving machine, stationery, and the balloon race - not too bad considering!

We are having two raffles for Christmas 🎄 one for adults with cash prizes and luxury hampers. The second is for the children - 5 prizes of vouchers of their choice. Flyers will be available next week!

Christmas raffles will help towards funding a class panto that will be streamed live into the classrooms. class parties and small chocolate gifts for them.

We are also supplying each class with £150 per term for extra curriculum items to enhance our children's learning.

Going forward we are hoping to squeeze in a Zoom Quiz or Musical Bingo night this term or next. We are also looking into creating our very own School Directory in the new year where parents and friends of Margaret Roper can advertise for a small fee per year their business that will reach 500+ people.

Please do support our school by purchasing tickets that will be available next week. Also, look out for our Facebook pages for photos of our infamous Luxury hampers over the next few weeks that our wonderful Elf's (class reps) will be creating 🎄🎄🎄🎄🎄

Recycling bin

Our clothes and fabric recycling bin was full by Thursday – well done! It has been emptied so we can start filling it up again. It will remain with us indefinitely as long as we need it but it's great to get some impetus by filling it quickly. I still haven't brought my load in yet – I will sort out over the weekend!

School Meals

You will have received a letter earlier in the week regarding our move to the main school diner menu for all classes. Meals will be served in the school hall, with bubbles socially distanced, with the exception of Y6 who will continue to eat in their classrooms, but using the main menu. Monday's menu is margarita pizza, which is always popular. Please pay for your child's meals through ParentPay in the usual way.

Stars of the week

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

- **Red Class** – Chimdi & Eliza
- **Orange Class** – Mirin & Noah
- **Yellow Class** – Matilda & Miran
- **Green Class** – Emma & Dolcie
- **Blue Class** – Neha & Ana
- **Indigo Class** – Edner & Kaylie
- **Amethyst Class** – Lidia & Alicia
- **Violet Class** – Ruby & George

Well done to all of you!

Have a pleasant weekend – stay safe

Mr. Mooney