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New Pupil (Year R, 2)

Headteacher's Weekly Email 19.10.2020

Monday 19th October 2020

Good Morning!

HEALTH and SAFETY EXECUTIVE INSPECTION

On Tuesday we had a 'spot check' inspection of our Covid19 risk assessment and procedures. The inspector checked and verified our arrangements, no further amendments were required or recommended and we were assured that we had followed all the guidance.

FACE COVERINGS

From today all adults in school will be required to wear face coverings when they are moving around shared areas like the corridor, school hall, photocopier room etc.

Face coverings are not required for any child at school and they are not recommended for primary aged children.

COVID-19

We have not been notified of any positive Covid-19 tests within this school but were aware of a couple of adult family members being diagnosed. The families informed school and followed all the required procedures. Please note that under data protection law, we are not allowed to name the families or share their medical information with other parents.

Therefore, it is very important that we all remain vigilant and that any members of your family do not come to school if they have coronavirus symptoms.

ENTRY/EXIT TIMES

After half term there will only be 2 entry and exit times – 8.45-3pm or 9-3.15pm. This is because we really want to regain some of our curriculum time. Although the current arrangements have effectively established our procedures, they mean that morning lessons are not fully starting until 9.30 and ending at 2.45 in the afternoon as groups start to leave.

Parents in the current 9.15-3.30 group will be sent their new time this week.

BAG2SCHOOL

Thank you for your donations this morning – there were about 100 bags in the outdoor classroom and I'll let you know how much we raised after half term.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you wish to order cards, wrapping paper or gift tags, make sure that your picture and order form is returned to school by Friday 6th November. Put a note in if you DO NOT want the school's name on the cards. Payment will be made directly to ABC Service so do not send any money to school.

MISSING FLEECE

A Year 5 child mislaid his new school fleece during the Bikeability week – it has his name in the front on the back of the logo. Please can you check your child's clothing.

FLU VACCINATIONS

General flu vaccinations are being given this Wednesday 21st October to all children in YR to Y6 **IF** you have given permission. Permission can be given via this link: https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon

HARVEST COLLECTION

I have been in touch with the Tavistock Foodbank about a collection this year. Due to the current restrictions, they are seeking some volunteers to deliver the Christmas Hampers to local families and we have offered to support this as our community contribution this year.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Eligible 'Free School Meal' families will be sent a permission letter this week. Please complete and return to school if you would like to take advantage of this offer.

If you think you child may be eligible for Free School Meals, please see the link below for more information and information on how to apply.

https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals

INTERNET USE

Please ensure that your child is only accessing age appropriate content and that you are continually monitoring their use. No primary aged child should have their own Facebook or TikTok account.

Next week is half term before we return to school on Monday 2nd November.

I hope you are able to get out and about in our beautiful local area and make the most of some family time.

Be kind and stay safe.

Best wishes,

Lynnette Selbie