



Autumn Term

All the staff and I have been overwhelmed recently by emails being sent in our evenings, weekends and holidays. To help support a work life balance we are going to remove emails off our mobile devices so that this correspondence can only be responded to within our working week between the hours of 08:30 and 17:30. We hope that you can understand the need for this change.

Monday 9th November ~ Individual photographs – no PE kit this day please.

Week beginning the 9th Year 2 phonics boosters sessions

Friday 27th November ~ Flu Vaccines

Week beginning the 30th ~ assessment week across school and phonics screeening for Year 2.

Monday 7th December – Christmas activities – look out for more details

Friday 18th December ~ Interim reports will be emailed home.

Friday 18th December ~ School Closes for the Christmas holidays.

Monday 4th January ~ Spring Term



Welcome back after half term. We hope that you were able to enjoy the two-week break, despite not being able to do too much. The children have returned to school well and have been keen to get back to their school work.

Thank you to you all for making our virtual parents' evenings work so well. All the teachers found it them to be a very beneficial set of evenings to be able to share their findings about your child's learning. All the children have been fabulous in school with progress rapidly being made across school. I have been fortunate to have been able to spend time looking at work produced in all classes and I have been most impressed by how well the children are doing despite the closure earlier this year. All that is being taught in school will be shared on our home learning pages so that if you do find that you have to self-isolate your child can still access a broad curriculum.

It is incredibly sad that Mrs Harding has not been able to return to school following the half term break as she lost her brother to COVID. Her Mum has also seriously ill in hospital and tragically she has passed away this morning. Our thoughts are with her and her family. We really appreciated the kind gesture of her class' families in sending her flowers. Our Chair of Governors and I feel that we have been incredibly lucky in school to have not had to close any or our 'bubbles' yet and so would like to reinforce the message of Hands....Face....Space. We are doing all we can in school to maintain good hand washing and clean surfaces/equipment and are continually reinforcing the separation of the 'bubbles'. Parrots class have enjoyed having Miss Clarke (Miss Clarkson's Maternity Cover) teach them where it has been lovely to have her with us already, settling in.

It is always important to live a healthy lifestyle, now more than ever with good eating habits, plenty of sleep and exercise. When making snacks and packed lunches please be mindful of packing healthy foods (puddings do form part of this!) We have a few children across school with various allergies to certain foods and so we ask that you recall that nuts are an ultimate no-no across school. Our school lunch menu has been refreshed to make sure that all our recipes and ingredients are suitable for our diners. Details of this are on our website.

As you are aware we encourage outdoor learning as our normal routine as it is proven to support well-being. Mrs Hicks works with children from across the whole school every afternoon to learn in our lovely school grounds. As you know we have, sadly found it necessary to install CCTV to protect their endeavours, as we have unfortunately had repeated acts of mindless vandalism to various projects. We have though, been able to identify the offenders and are currently awaiting to hear from the police.



Outdoor Learning Day went incredibly well with the whole school accessing a wide variety of activities in the fresh air. Please look at your child's class blog to find out more but below are a few examples of what took place over the day:



Heron Class created artwork using natural materials



Robins class were learning about money. LKS2 designed our sensory garden with those in UKS2 outside finding

information out about countries around the world, solving maths problems along with enjoying a much-needed warm cup of hot chocolate!



IS Thank you to you and my family and friendstogether we have raised £2109.40!

