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## Weekly Newsletter – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

It is hard to believe that we are already in October and half-way through this term. The children have been working extremely hard since they came back to school in September and it is lovely to see the progress they have made in such a short time.

### One Way System on Nelson Street

As you may well be aware, during lockdown, following a long consultation process, the council made Nelson Street one-way. This had been requested due to a number of near misses on such a busy road at drop off and collection times. It has made a real difference and I am also grateful to the parents who are avoiding driving down Nelson Street by parking around the corner. Thank you

However, unfortunately this week, there have been a number of cars driving the opposite way down Nelson Street especially from the alley. **Please note all of Nelson Street is now one way and this needs to be adhered to at all times for the safety of our children.**

### Class Dojo

During Year 1's self-isolation at the start of this term, Mrs Coxon trialled an app called ClassDojo to communicate with parents and set work. The feedback we have had from the Year 1 parents has been very positive and as a result, we are going to roll it out across school. This app enables the classteacher to message parents and the parents to send messages to the classteacher. The class teacher is also able to share short teaching videos and set home learning which can be completed electronically and sent back to the teacher, avoiding the need to print work out. The Y1 parents who completed the questionnaire said it was very easy to set it up and use and highly recommended it.

Whilst we are hoping that we won't be in a position where we need to isolate another bubble, we would like our parents and more importantly children to become familiar with using ClassDojo just in case we do. Therefore, today your child has brought home a letter from the classteacher giving details of your unique password. We would be grateful if you could download the app this weekend and add your child's account, as they will then be able to access this in school next week and at home. The classteacher will be able to post messages to the 'class story' that every parent in the class can see and send messages to individual parents. You will also be able to message the classteacher. Class Dojo works on computers directly from a website however, the advantage of using the app is that you can receive a notification so that you don't miss any messages. Please note if you use the app you will see that there are options to buy in additional activities that can be accessed for use at home. **These are not part of the section that school will use so there is no need for any purchases to be made.**

### Permission to Use Photographs on Social Media

Thank you to everyone who has completed the Survey Monkey form in relation to whether we may use photographs on social media. I am so sorry that the link has been playing up again. Thank you for your patience. If we haven't had a response electronically, your child should have brought home a letter for you to sign and return on Monday please.

### Masks in the Playground

Thank you to everyone who has supported the request for parents to wear masks in the playground. This is for the safety of our pupils, parents and staff.

### **Before and After School Club**

Unfortunately our Before and After School Club are currently running at a loss and therefore we have no option but to increase the charges.

Before School Club will now be £1.75

After School Club will now be £6.50 (including a snack)

### **Zoom – Coffee and Chat**

Although lock down may be over, we know that it will have impacted on many of our families and some of you may still be feeling isolated due to the new local restrictions which are in place. As it is harder to pop into school for support, our Learning Mentors, Stacey Crompton and Hayley Pye, are running Zoom drop in sessions every Monday from 2-2.45pm so you can chat to them and other parents from the comfort of your own home.

If you are interested in joining the session please just email: [Stacey.crompton@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:Stacey.crompton@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk) or [hayley.pye@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:hayley.pye@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk) or ring the office on 01772 682866 and they can send you the link.

### **School Dinners**

Following feedback from a number of parents we have asked Lancashire Commercial Services to increase the portion size of some of the lunches and they are beginning to introduce a wider variety of extras to go with the hot and cold packed lunches. These have gone down well with the children this week and we will continue to adapt and review these with the view to graduating to being able to offer full hot dinners again. We will give you notice of this as it will require you to input your child's choice of lunch on Parent Pay.

### **Sunflower Competition**

It seems a life time ago since we gave our children the opportunity to take part in a 'sunflower competition' with the seeds and prizes kindly donated by Morrisons.

Well done to everyone who took part. I know that some of our children have grown huge sunflowers from just one or two seeds. We would love to see your photographs and you may want to add the height of the sunflower too. The photos can be posted on Facebook - as a comment under the sunflower post or emailed to [hayley.pye@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:hayley.pye@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk). We look forward to seeing them. Prize winners will be announced next week.

### **Zoom House Captains**

Unfortunately the current situation has limited some of the activities which we would normally carry out in school, however we are trying to find ways to make as many things happen as possible. So today we held our first ever 'Zoom' House Captain Elections. Congratulations to all the Y6 children who gave their speeches to the Junior classes via Zoom today.

### **Tempest Photographs – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

We will still be going ahead with socially distanced photographs next Friday. All children will have individual photographs taken but unfortunately, we will not be able to invite pre-school or older children to come into school for family pictures. However, we will arrange for family photos of siblings who are at our school.

To minimise handling, Tempest will be sending a unique link so that you can view and purchase your child's photographs online. However to do this they will need access to your email address to forward the link to. Please could you let us know whether you give permission for us to share your email with Tempest for this purpose by replying Yes or No to a text you will receive later this evening.

Finally, as ever, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me by email: [head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk), via messenger on our school Facebook page or by ringing school.

