

Weekly Newsletter – 6th November 2020

A lovely first week back

What a lovely first week back we have had in school! There has been a hard working atmosphere in every classroom and the children should be proud of all they have achieved and their super attitude to learning.

Infant Playground

The infant children were very excited to see and play on their new playground equipment. It is almost a year since we first talked to the children about what they wanted in their playground and we were delighted that the dreadful weather over half-term didn't stop the work being finally completed. We now just need to add some colourful picnic benches in the 'chill' zone so that the children have the seating they asked for.

We are very grateful to Mr and Mrs Gledhill, Millie and Katie's grandparents and the Edith Mary Clark Foundation whose kind donations helped to fund this work.

Feedback from Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our questionnaire about COVID-19 related procedures in school and access to wifi and electronic devices at home. It is not too late to do so - simply click on this link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LjSBj2S0CkeK2oYA1tBzcfWP46MFtfxIqwl_e_LPwnnJUMIJSN0IFNTIKRkgwVUg5WE9TU0cyVFVPSS4u

The feedback was generally very positive - thank you. However, a large number of parents did express concerns about the fact that there were still adults stood talking and blocking the gates, pavement or alley after they have dropped off or collected their children. Therefore, please can I remind everyone that, as stated in Government guidelines, all adults must leave the school vicinity as soon as they have dropped off or collected their child. We are also going to review our drop off collection times to see if we can minimise congestion - it is tricky to find a balance between staggering drop off times and minimising waiting time for parents who have children in more than one year group.

Parents' Consultation Meetings

As I mentioned before half-term, due to the current circumstances, we intend to hold our parent consultation meetings via telephone. During the first part of next week, the class teacher will send a link to a form via their class story on ClassDojo giving the dates and times for the individual classes so that you can select your preferred time slots.

Poppies



Lest We Forget.

Thank you to everybody who bought poppies or poppy items to support the Poppy Appeal this week. If your child still wishes to make a donation for a poppy or buy one of the other products these can be ordered through ParentPay. They will then be given to your child in school. The final day to order them will be Wednesday 11th November when we will be holding two minutes silence.

Pumpkin Competition

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the carved pumpkin competition during half-term. They were all so good that every child who entered won sweets and 2 house points and we used a random spinner to select the winner's name from each class. Thank you to Morrisons who kindly donated the prizes.

Children in Need - Friday 13th November



Next Friday is Children in Need day and traditionally the children have always brought a teddy to school in return for a £1 donation. However, as we are not able to do that this year, we are asking the children to come in their own clothes (ideally including something spotty or yellow) for a donation to Children in Need. Please can this be made on ParentPay by next Friday. (Please can you make sure that your child can fasten the shoes that they choose to wear for school though.)

We are also hoping to have a virtual visit by Pudsey and the team from Radio Lancashire including Steven Royle on Friday.

Zoom Coffee and Chat Session and Questionnaire

This session will **not** be taking place this Monday afternoon. However, Mrs Crompton and Mrs Pye have asked if you could take a minute to complete a questionnaire for them. Please just click the following link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPage.aspx?fragment=FormId%3DLjSBj2S0CkeK2oYA1tBzcXVCf5Zq8YIFgVyKQnWfoXZUQVNLRLoxMUK1OFpUM1kxVFUzN0daSE1HWS4u%26Token%3Dd289d6f0a42a437a822af66a9701dc33>

SumDog

As you may well have seen on Class Dojo, due to the popularity of the last competition, we are taking part in a new national one. Year 4 were our winning class last time - can they keep the crown? It is already open and runs until Thursday 12th November at 8pm.

Choosing Dinners

On behalf of Mel Clarke in the office, please could I remind parents to choose their child's meal by midnight every Tuesday. Thank you for your support with this.

Christmas

Many of our children's thoughts are already turning towards Christmas and although clearly our Christmas celebrations will have to be very different in school this year, we will be doing all that we can to make it a special time for your child. More details will be included in our newsletter in the coming weeks.

Primary Admissions - Do you have a child who will be 4 years old next September 2021?

If you do, they are due to start school in September 2021. However, your child will not automatically be allocated a place at our school unless you apply online before January 15th 2021. Please click on the link: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/> As we are not a church school, it is Lancashire Education Authority who allocate places and although they will always give priority to children who already have a sibling attending the school ~ this only applies if the application is submitted on time.

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

