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Message from Mrs Peart

As our first half term draws to a close, I want to say a huge thank you to all in our school community who has helped to make this half term so special. It has been a joy to see all children in school, enjoying learning and playing with their friends. After the disruption of the past two years, this is something we will never again take for granted! It has been a tough half term in lots of ways – there has been a lot of things to learn (even for the grown-ups!) now that we are back to a more normal school day – but the hard work has definitely paid off and it is amazing to see how settled and happy all our children are in school. Our new children in Classes 6, 7 and 8 are doing brilliantly!

Although it has been a joyful and happy half term, today was tinged with sadness as we have said goodbye to Mrs Smith, who is starting her maternity leave, and Mr Green, our wonderful caretaker, who has been with us since 1994. 27 years' service – what an amazing achievement! We are so very sad to see him leave us but we wish him well in the future and I am sure he will pop in and see us from time to time. We held a fabulous assembly this morning to celebrate his time with us – with special guest Miller Bear – as well as some videos from the Rotherham United team, old and new. Hopefully it is something that Mr Green will never forget and will be another happy memory to take with him.

Please find below key updates for next half term. We hope you have a lovely week with your families and look forward to seeing you all in November.

Diary Dates

- Thursday 21st October – School closes for half term
- Friday 22nd October – INSET Day - school closed
- Monday 1st November – School reopens
- Tuesday 2nd November – School closed (additional INSET day)
- Wednesday 3rd November – School reopens

School Day Timings

After evaluating the current risk assessment that we have in place, we have made the decision to remove the staggered timings at the beginning and end of the school day. From Monday 1st November, all classes will begin at 8.45am and end at 3.00pm. Children need to be dropped off on the playground or outside their classes at 8.45am promptly. Please ensure you arrive on time with your child so that they are not missing any vital learning at the start of the school day.

Flu vaccinations

If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school, please follow this link to complete an online consent form;
<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=106858&Type=FLU>

The vaccinations will take place in school on Wednesday 17th November. The link will close on 8th November. If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since September, there is no need to book them in. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397 (options 2).

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club begins at 7.45am each day and children need to be dropped off by 8am at the latest. Please ensure you arrive between these times.

Upcoming events

We have an online safety meeting for parents which will be held online. A letter has been sent to all parents to sign up to attend this event and then a link will be sent nearer the time. Please return your slip as soon as possible to book a place.

We are planning for children in Classes 6, 7 & 8 to visit Clifton Park for their first educational visit. The letter with full information about this has been emailed to parents of these children. Please log onto your school money account to consent to the visit and pay.

Individual Photographs

All children have now taken home their individual photograph sheet. Please follow the instructions on the sheet to access photos of your child and place an order if you wish.

Donations

We are running low on items of spare clothing in school. We particularly need donations of socks and tights. We would be grateful if you could donate any that you have spare.