



1st November 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term and I hope you all had a relaxing half-term holiday.

With November now upon us and the season of remembrance, once again this year, on behalf of the Royal British Legion, pupils will be on the playground each morning up to Friday 11th November with the poppy boxes and other associated merchandise. The suggested donations for certain items are listed below:

Reflector Key Ring – 50p
Wristband - £1.00
Enamel Pin Badge - £2

Snapband - £1.50
Zip-pull – 50p

Thank you to all those parents who have donated items of school uniform recently. The school is now well stocked in relation to pre-loved uniform and, due to limited storage, is unable to accept any more donations at this time. Any parent who would like to view the items of uniform we have, please do speak to a member of staff.

Congratulations are in order for the pupils in **Saturn House** who collected the most house tokens during the last half-term. They have earned themselves an own clothes day on **Friday 4th November**.

As you will have read in my most recent newsletter, parent consultations will be taking place on Tuesday 15th November between 3.50pm and 7pm and Thursday 17th November between 3.50pm and 6pm. The consultations will be held face-to-face here at school on this occasion and the electronic booking system will be available later this week.

With bonfire weekend approaching, please reinforce the firework code (an example can be found at the end of this letter) to your children if you are heading off to an organised display or holding your own celebrations in the garden.

Finally, I want to explain the enhanced safety measures that were put into place in and around the staff car park during the last major works at Valley. A secondary fence was erected along the perimeter of the car park to prevent pupils and parents walking in amongst moving cars during collection times. Along this fencing, a secondary vehicle gate was installed which acts as a safety barrier (similar to a level crossing) when a vehicle is passing through. When these gates open, they close off the footpath holding parents and pupils behind this temporary barrier until the vehicle has moved safely through the gates. Parents are kindly asked to wait behind this barrier until the gates automatically close which takes approximately 40 seconds. Please do not push through the barrier or jump the fencing and walk through the open gateway into the car park as this cuts the sensor beam and holds the gates open for another 40 seconds.



Please wait behind this barrier until the gates close

Our Firework Code

NEVER play with or throw fireworks
They are explosive and can hurt you

ONLY adults should light or hold fireworks

WHEN you are watching fireworks, stand well back

NEVER go near a firework that has been lit.
Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode

If you have a pet, make sure it is safely indoors as fireworks might frighten it or make them run off

If you are given a sparkler

ALWAYS wear gloves

HOLD the sparkler away from your body and don't wave it around. You could burn yourself or somebody else

WHEN your sparkler goes out, don't touch it. It could still burn you

NEVER give sparklers to a child under five



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Yours sincerely,

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