



Dear Parent/Carer,

Fortunately, Covid cases have started to decrease, slowly, this week, but we remain vigilante and hopefully you have read the email I sent out last night about the new guidelines.

Next Friday, we're having a 'Blue and Yellow Day' to raise money for The British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal. Your child can dress in blue and yellow and bring in a donation to the appeal, and we are also running an Easter raffle. If you would like to enter the raffle, please send the money for tickets in a sealed envelope on Monday or Tuesday (please mark the envelope clearly with **Ukraine - Raffle Tickets** and state how many tickets you would like). It's fabulous to see how many Easter eggs have been donated over the last few days, so thank you very much for that. Let's hope we can raise a significant amount of money for such a good cause.

There are a couple of things happening, or about to happen, in school that I would like to make you aware of:

The Calm Room

At lunchtime, we are now operating a Calm Room for children in Key Stage 2 to access. This came about as a result of an idea from School Council and they have to be credited with setting it up as well. A pass is available for one child in each class to access it each day, but if any other children feel the need to go in then they can. The calm room is a space where the children can have time to chill out; a place away from the playground, if they are feeling it's a little too busy for them; a place to calm and regroup if they have experienced heightened emotions. It's been running now for a couple of weeks and is going very well. Your children will be able to tell you more.

The Forest School Sign

We are organising for an artist to come into school to work with the children to design and make a sign for the forest school, which will be displayed in the main playground. I would also like to send out a big thank you to Kate Minors who is organising for a sign to be made for the entrance next to the mobile classroom. It will really brighten up the area and be a great addition to the forest school area.

Here are a few weekly reminders for you:

- **School Meals** - week beginning Monday 4th April will be Week 1.
- **Covid-19 Reporting** - please email the school office immediately if your child has a high temperature. We will advise you on when they will be able to come back to school.
- **School crossing** - at the end of the school day, many people are not using the school crossing. This was installed to prevent accidents happening. If people are not using the crossing, I am afraid that an accident will happen soon, so please keep yourself and your child safe.
- **Link Club** - please do not use the staff car park for pick up or drop off. The car park is for staff only. If you have other family members or friends who will be picking up your child for you, please let them know.
- **Lost property** - if you need to check lost property, please come after school. We will no longer be allowing access before school.
- **ParentPay** - please make sure your child's ParentPay account is **in credit** if you would like them to buy lunch or snacks from school.

- **Westbrook Old Hall Pre-loved Uniforms** - sell good quality pre-owned uniform at discounted prices. The services they provide are good on 3 levels: good for parents' purses - we cost less than new; good for the environment - less waste goes to landfill and all proceeds go to FOWOHPS - which in turn are reinvested into the school/children. They have most things in stock already. **In preparation for the upcoming summer term 'Pre-loved Uniforms' are offering a flash sale which will run between now and the 20th of April 2022. Summer dresses, shorts and shirts will be available at £1 each.** Enquiries can be made via the FB parent group; on the Westbrook Old Hall Pre-loved Uniforms page, or directly by phone on 07702 171953.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a great weekend.

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