



Nunnery Wood Primary School



Thursday 22nd October 2020

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support with face coverings, our one-way system and the continued staggered starts and finishes. Unfortunately, we are all aware that current restrictions are unlikely to change until at least Easter 2021; potentially, as a county, we could have further imposed on us.

Like all schools, we are working tremendously hard to support our school community under very strict restrictions, which impact on daily school life. All aspects of school life have had to be risk assessed, which has led to adaptation to lower the risk as well as - unfortunately, the suspension of some normal activities and routines.

My staff and I have worked hard to adapt to the restrictions, and ensure that the risk of transmission is lowered wherever possible. However, COVID19 is impacting on all of our lives, and for us as a school it has resulted in year group bubble closures as well as staff absences due to the TRACK and TRACE system.

As a school, we are working hard to find solutions to working remotely and provide the best education we can, but the reality is that it can't be the same as being in school. Adapting to teaching remotely has been a learning curve for children, staff and parents. Our remote learning package over the past month has worked effectively for Apple, Aspen, Oak and Willow and we will continue to review what we offer and work with parents in any way we can.

PARENTS EVENINGS.

As a school, we still want to continue to work in partnership with parents, even with the restrictions we currently have in place. This half-term, teachers have spent time emailing all parents to give a brief update on how your child has settled in, as well as things that they are doing well at. Since the beginning of the term we have researched, and sought advice regarding how to conduct parents evenings remotely.

Next half-term, we will be in the position to offer virtual parents consultation appointments. We will initially start with one year group. Parents will have the option to book an appointment online and it will be held remotely.

Further information will follow after half-term. Please bear with us if we have teething problems. Any feedback is most welcome!

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OUT OF HOURS PROCEDURES - During half-term:

If you receive a confirmation of a positive COVID test result during the school's half-term holiday, please ensure you contact Public Health Worcester by email on; WCChealthprotection@worcestershire.gov.uk. Public Health Worcester has all our school's out of hours contact details, which ensures that we can respond quickly to any confirmed cases.

Therefore, please ensure that you regularly check your 'ParentPay' account during the holidays, as we might have to communicate with you.

POPPIES

In order to continue to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, we will be running poppy sales and donation collections a little differently this year. Rather than the poppy collection going around the school, a selection of items will be made available, in each classroom for suggested donations. The stock provided by the British Legion has been shared out equally. Therefore, there will be a limited number of items available to each class. Snap Bands (£1.50), Silicon Wristbands (£1.00), Zip Pulls (50p), Reflectors (50P) and Paper Poppies (any spare change) (these are suggested donations).

These items will be available from tomorrow until Thursday 12th November (whilst stocks last). **Please send any donations in via your child to the classroom**, unfortunately forgotten donations can't be sent via the office due to bubble restrictions. Thank you for continuing to support the Royal British Legion.

Finally, although this half-term has been one of the most challenging in terms of adapting to a 'new norm' - there have been plenty of positives. Your children have worked tremendously hard, and throughout the school there are some wonderful displays of the work that they have completed. Please visit our school website or view our twitter page to see us at work!

Stay safe and take care. See you all on our return; **Tuesday 3rd November.**

Best Wishes

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Please remember to check ParentPay daily for important class letters and messages from your teachers.



<u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY / CALENDAR</u>	
Friday 23rd October	Year 2 & absentees Photo Day/Last day of term 🍁
Autumn 2 2020	
Monday 2nd November	STAFF INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 3rd November	Autumn 2 term begins for children
Monday 9th November	Whole School Flu Vaccinations (consented only)
Friday 18th December	Last day of term ❄️
Spring 1 2021	
Monday 4th January	STAFF INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 5th January	Spring 1 term begins for children
Friday 12th February	Last day of term 🌻
Spring 2 2021	
Monday 22nd February	Spring 2 term begins for children
Thursday 1st April	Last day of term 🌈
Summer 1 2021	
Monday 19th April	Summer 1 term begins for children
Friday 28th May	Last day of term ☀️
Summer 2 2021	
Monday 7th June	STAFF INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 8th June	Summer 2 term begins for children
Wednesday 21st July	Last day of term 🌴

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