

Week ending 6th November 2020

COVID update

Following this weeks second lockdown measures could we please ask for your support with the following:

When dropping children at school, please drop and leave site as soon as possible. Similarly at the end of the day, please collect the children and then leave as soon as possible.

Please ensure that social distancing is adhered to at all times. The guidance is that 2m distance should be kept between people.

If your child walks home themselves, please remind them they should do so and not be congregating at the play park.

We have also been advised that if children are bringing their own hand sanitizer, this should be at least 60% alcohol.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping each of us safe.

Children's well being

You may like to look at this app that has been launched recently

Funded by BBC Children in Need, ParentZone have released a new app for children aged 8-11. Ollee is a digital friend which aims to make a difference in children's emotional wellbeing.

<https://app.ollee.org.uk/#/home>

In school we have signed up for a 21 days of mindfulness activity video. This can be accessed via You Tube. There is short interactive film encouraging children to think about keeping their mind healthy.

<https://youtu.be/8qYsfG1N9C0>

Thank you

A huge thank you to Mr Stant and Broadfields Nursery for their donation and planting of our two flower beds in the small playground. We really appreciate this donation.

Sweets and Christmas cards

We are unable currently to distribute sweets for children's birthdays. We also feel that due to the current situation this year, we are unable to be able to manage Christmas cards due to the amount of handling and distribution this involves. We would like to reassure you however, that we are planning on ensuring that the children have some enjoyable Christmas experiences at the end of the term.

As we return from our half term break (which now already feels like weeks ago!) we enter another period of uncertainty. Please be reassured that we will continue to ensure that your child/children receive the best possible care during these times and that their well being is paramount. Likewise, if any of you feel you need any support with anything, please do make contact with us and we will do our utmost to support you, or signpost to agencies that can help.

Our week- another busy one!

There were lots of 'wow' and 'whooo' moments as children in Key Stage 2 thoroughly enjoyed their VR experience on Tuesday. They were launched into space, volcanoes, visited landmarks around the world and went under the sea! This day was used to then inspire and hook the children into their new topic for this half term.

Every child in school has also made a poppy which you will see on the fence outside school to commemorate Remembrance Day.



Year 6 created this display for the window

On Wednesday 11th November, if children are part of a uniformed organisation (Scouts, Brownies etc) they may wear their uniform.



Children in Need day is being held on Friday 13th November.

Children are invited to wear their PJs to school. If you would like to make a donation please do so as the children arrive at school next Friday.

Pupil Forum

As part of the ATTAIN trust, we were invited to join their pupil forum. The Year 6 children wrote letters of application to say why they felt they would make good pupil representatives for our school. Mrs Edom-Baker, the CEO then selected from the applications two successful representatives. **Congratulations to Callum S and Jessica B** on being selected. We look forward to hearing what decisions you help to make.



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Homework

We have recently been reviewing our homework policy and would like to share the expectation for homework set in each year group.

Homework will be set on a Tuesday and we ask that it is returned on a Monday please.

We ask that every child reads daily if possible.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Y1 and 2)

- ♦ Children will have their own homework book;
- ♦ A weekly maths activity will be set. This will 'look' different in each year group but could be a game or consolidation of the weeks learning;
- ♦ A weekly phonics activity will be sent home.

Key Stage 2 (Y3,4,5,6)

- ♦ Children will have their own homework book;
- ♦ There will be weekly spellings set, based on spellings from the class spellings, for all children;
- ♦ There will be a weekly maths activity for all children;
- ♦ In year 5 a fortnightly reading comprehension will be sent home
- ♦ In year 6, a weekly English activity will be sent home. (reading comprehension or grammar focus).

In some classes you may have been used to a menu of activities, we are not going to be issuing these now. However, we still encourage children to undertake independent learning at home, for example finding out something that they have been learning about in class, if they choose/would like to.

Week Ahead Menu

M	Homemade Margherita Pizza or Jacket Potato with Baked Beans served with Cucumber and Sweetcorn Strawberry Mousse
T	BBQ Chicken, Plain Chicken or BBQ Quorn pieces served with Rice and Peas Fresh Fruit in Bowls
W	Turkey with Gravy, Turkey without Gravy or Vegetable Parcels with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire-Pudding and Seasonal Vegetables Chocolate Brownie
T	Omega 3 Fish Fingers, Quorn Dippers served with Mash Potato Sweetcorn and Peas or Gluten Free Pasta with Tomato Sauce Yoghurt
F	Homemade Sausage Roll or Omelette served with Chips and Beans Teddy Bear Biscuit

Attendance

Well done to Years R, and 6 Badgers for over 97% attendance this week, and to

Years 1, 4, 6 Badgers and 6 Foxes for 100% punctuality.

Reminders:

As the weather is now turning colder, please could children bring a coat to school.

Children should bring a water bottle to school.

Long hair should be tied back.

Please be aware we promote healthy eating in school and therefore ask that sweets and chocolate bars are not included in lunchboxes.