



Newsletter

6th November 2020

Number 9

Key points from Mr. Hunter Whitehouse's letter 2.11.2020

During the next four weeks, whilst lockdown is in place, we will do all we can to make sure we have the safest possible environment for children and staff alike whilst they are in school.

So children will still be asked to sanitise their hands throughout the day, will still stay in their class bubbles and superbubbles, will still have the staggered playtimes and lunchtimes and will still keep being reminded of the need to respect others' personal space in the classroom and playground.

We will keep the opening of the school gates to the earlier time of 8.35am as this has really helped to prevent crowding.

The gates at the end of the day will still be opened at 3.05pm and I will now allow children to be collected from their classrooms between this time and 3.15pm.

Children going to clubs or those in Years 5 and 6 who have permission to walk home on their own will still leave the classroom at 3.15pm.

I would ask you not to mix socially and allow children to play on the equipment, instead leaving promptly once you have picked your children up at the end of the day. To help minimise this, the playground gates will be closed promptly at 3.25pm.

Please do not drop items into the office throughout the school day. If a packed lunch has been left home, then your child will have a school meal. The office staff must not enter the bubbles, except in medical emergencies when they wear PPE.

It is important that you know how your child can access the home learning we are uploading to Purple Mash each week. If you have any problems please contact the office.

Finally, I would like to thank the parents who have been wearing a facemask on the school premises and for all of the emails and messages of support in response to my letter. Your support in these times is very much appreciated.

Stay safe, Mr. Hunter-Whitehouse

Cold weather – more layers!

As the weather has most definitely turned colder in the last week, please can we remind parents to send their children into school in warm clothing, both under and on top of school uniform (if necessary).

We recommend leggings underneath trousers / skirts, base layers if you have them, vests/t-shirts/long sleeves plain tops under polo shirts and jumpers/cardigans, and extra jumpers or hoodies if necessary.

This is so that we are able to keep our classroom doors open as long as possible, to improve ventilation in our school. The warmth of the children is more important than us being strict on uniform, so please do not worry if an extra jumper is not the school colour.

Thank you for your assistance.

Dates for the Diary - Term 1 & 2

Fri 13th November – Children in Need – **non-uniform day only**

Tues 24th November – Flu Immunisation (whole school)

Fri 11th Dec – Christmas jumper day (or wear something decorated for Christmas)

Fri 18th Dec - School Christmas lunch (details to follow)

Fri 18th Dec – End of term 2 (School closes at 1.30pm)

Mon 21st Dec – Tues 5th Jan 2021 Christmas holidays

Mon 4th Jan 2021 Inset Day

Inset Days for School Year 20/21

Mon 4th January 2021

Mon 7th June 2021

Children in Need Changes

Friday 13th November 2020

This year we will still be supporting this wonderful charity!

However, due to the current lockdown situation we have had to cancel the collection of cash donations, penny pots and the selling of any Pudsey merchandise in school.

We will still be having a **Non-Uniform Day on Friday 13th November** and spotty or yellow clothes can be worn to support Pudsey if your child wishes to. Could all donations now be made by calling children in need on **0345 7 33 22 33** or online at <https://donations.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Thank you.

So it will still be non-uniform for all but Year 4.....

.....as part of your WOW Day for Road Trip USA, could children please come to school in red, white and blue clothes, on Friday 13th November.

School photographs

School photo proofs will be coming home tonight with your child. **Wherever possible please use the online ordering service.**

All other orders sent into school **MUST** be received by the end of the day on **Thursday 12th November.**

Thank you.

Reminder

Please can we remind all parents and carers that the office CANNOT take packed lunches / PE kits / coats round to children throughout the day – they must not enter the classrooms bubbles. If a packed lunch is forgotten, your child will not go hungry they will be given a school meal.

Bird Watch

We hope you have all enjoyed the Birdwatch. Please can all sponsor forms be returned by Wednesday 11th November.

Thank you

Star of the week

3W: Joseph D – for making a fantastic start to term 2.

3BW: Isabella B for improved learning behaviour and excellent work in English.

3T: Emily P – for always being an enthusiastic member of 3T!

4NB: Poppy Y – for a fantastic attitude to learning, especially in English.

4S: Lottie S – for showing fantastic resilience in maths this week and never giving up – well done.

4L: Taury H-F – for always showing an excellent attitude to his work and giving 100% to all he does.

5SA: Ahmet G – a brilliant attitude towards his learning this week.

5W: Tegan C – for her enthusiasm in all aspects of life in 5W, leading to nice results!

5B: Gabriella B – for her fantastic attitude to learning and always giving her best.

6Se: Esmanur A – for always working hard on presentation- beautiful work!

6S: Charlie A – for super focus in lessons this week.

6I: Cerys E – for her smiling focus, attention and effort in class – and a super start to term 2.

6G: Daisy B – for her super effort and work in English this week.

Well done everyone!

