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Newsletter – 6.11.2020

(Please note some items in our newsletter are repeated due to the importance of the information)

COVID-19 Update

After the announcement of another lockdown by the Government last weekend, I would like to take this opportunity to re-assure you that we continue to do everything in our power to keep your children safe whilst at school.

The new guidance for Primary Schools has not changed. We continue to use the same measures we have been since our return to school last term. These include:

- Keeping children in their bubbles
- Regularly washing hands and keeping equipment clean
- Ensuring social distancing where appropriate, including virtual assemblies
- Reminding visitors of expectations and wearing of masks

Over the coming days I will be reviewing our Risk Assessments to ensure we continue to follow best practice. Any changes we make will be shared with you in due course. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Reports

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, it is not possible to hold our Parent Consultation Evenings. To keep you informed in how well your child has settled into their new classes, next week you will receive a short report via email. I hope this will provide you with the information you need, however, if you feel you need to speak to your child's class teacher please contact the school office.

Anti-Bullying Week

This year Anti-Bullying Week takes place between 16th to 20th November. To raise awareness of this initiative we are asking all children and staff to wear odd socks on Monday, 16th November. More information can be found by following this link:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day/what-odd-socks-day>

The children will also spend time in the class discussing bullying and the impact it has on others.



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Travelling to and from school

Please find below advice provided by Central Bedfordshire Council:

As pupils are returning fresh from their half term breaks, now is a great opportunity to remind you of the rules and recommendations around travelling to and from school.

The following points are particularly important as our public health colleagues are hearing examples where they are not being followed.

- Parents should avoid congregating in groups during drop off and pick up times and should follow social distancing measures at all times
- We recommend that pupils over the age of 11 should wear a face covering while on dedicated school transport, throughout their journey to and from school, unless they are exempt from doing so
- If travelling on public transport, children and young people aged 11 and over must wear a face covering by law, unless they are exempt from doing so
- It is not always possible to socially distance on school transport, but children and young people should try to where possible. It is also important to do so when waiting for transport to arrive
- Everyone should continue to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach

Dates for Your Diary

(Please note due to the current situation these dates are subject to change)

Date	Event	Time
Friday 18 th December	End of Advent Term	
Monday 4 th January	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 5 th January	Start of Lent Term	
Friday 12 th February	End of Lent 1 st Half Term	
Monday 22 nd February	Start of Lent 2 nd Half Term	
Friday 26 th March	End of Lent Term	
Monday 12 th April	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 13 th April	Start of Pentecost Term	
10 th May – 13 th May	Key Stage 2 (Year 6 SATs)	
Friday 28 th May	End of Pentecost 1 st Half Term	
Monday 7 th June	Start of Pentecost 2 nd Half Term	
7 th June – 11 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check	
Tuesday 20 th July	End of School Year	
Wednesday 21 st July	Staff Training Day	

***Please note due to current restrictions, many of the school events we would normally be holding this term are not currently expected to take place. If the situation changes we will of course share relevant dates with you.**

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