

A Message from Miss Sands

Thanks to those parents who've passed on some lovely comments about how happy they are with the way the children have started back to school. We're so proud of how they have coped with the changes and the effort they are putting into their learning. I'm really proud of our staff who are working so hard to help the children in lessons but also supporting them with their well being. Things aren't easy for anyone at the moment but as a school community we are there for one another and I feel we've made a very positive start to our school year. As parents and carers if you have questions or concerns feel free to contact me at school.

Miss Sands

COVID Measures

Many thanks, to all of you who are supporting us in our attempts to reduce infection risks in school. Just a reminder we have asked those picking children up or coming on school site to wear a face covering. This is an added precaution as social distancing can sometimes be a problem. Staff are wearing visors around school and the children have been fine with the changes. From next week whoever is on the school gate may be wearing a mask rather than a visor this is purely because the visors 'steam up' in the cold air.

If anyone in your immediate family has symptoms, has been told to self-isolate or have a test - please contact school to discuss your situation.

If someone in your household tests positive the whole household needs to isolate.

We know this is a worrying time for everyone- please be assured we are doing everything we can in school to minimise risks to everyone in our community.

To help us in this please try to follow the government guidance and keep school informed if you have concerns.

Clothing

Autumn is definitely here. The weather is turning colder. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed ready for school. Coats are needed and please put names in everything. If it hasn't got a name on we can't return lost things. We are asking that the children wear PE kit in their lesson day. If possible lessons will be outside but even when they are taught inside the children will be wearing the clothes all day so please ensure they will be warm enough track suits, leggings hoodies etc would be best.

Parent Governor Needed

Are you interested in becoming part of our governing body? The Governing Body, work alongside the Head teacher and staff, to oversee school life and help develop our school. If you are interested or want more information please contact Miss Sands.

Parking

DO NOT DOUBLE PARK ON MURPHY CRESCENT.

Sadly people are still double parking and it is becoming a major issue next to the Boxing Club on the bend. PLEASE PARK AWAY FROM THE SCHOOL AND WALK TO SCHOOL WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

One Way System

A reminder, that we ask when driving to school you enter Murphy Crescent at the school sign on Proudfoot Drive and drive in with the Boxing Club on your left hand side. This really helps with congestion.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is up and running again. Our regulars are coping well with the changes. If you need to access the service and aren't already booked in please contact school giving at least 2 days notice.

We are asking this so we can limit the numbers of children in the hall. Thanks

Absence

If your child is absent contact the office in the morning. All children must be in school by 9am - late arrivals are at risk of receiving late marks which can lead to attendance issues. Regularly absence means the children miss learning they may never catch up on. Please work with us to ensure none of our children are missing out on essential learning

Charitable Events

In school we have always held coffee afternoons for McMillan or held raffles or fun days to raise money over the year as well as all the money we collected from Hot Chocolate and Ice Cream was donated to a variety of charities. Sadly with the present restrictions these things won't be happening this year.

We know how generous our school community can be so we are looking into how we can still help.

This term we will have some 'Dress Down Fridays' If the children bring in £1 they can have a non-uniform day and in the afternoon they will have some fun activities in class. The first date is Friday 13th November and the proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer support.

Food Bank

We are all aware how important our local food bank is as a school has always supported it especially at Christmas. We are hoping to hold a collection for the food bank later this term but we are still working out the details of how we collect goods safely. More information will be in next months newsletter.

Diary dates

Be aware some dates may change throughout the term. We'll update them every newsletter and by text if needed.

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| 12 th - 16 th October | Rosary Week The children will be learning about praying the Rosary |
| Monday 12 th October | St Wilfrid's Day |
| Monday 19 th October | Dress Up Monday - come to school dressed as a jungle animal or in Jungle clothes or in animal prints |
| Wednesday 21 st October | School Photographs Sadly we can only offer individual photos this year no family groups. |
| Friday 23 rd October | Last Day of Half Term |
| Monday 2 nd November | First day of new half term |
| 2 nd -6 th November | Safety Week The children will have sessions on a variety of topics around safety; including Online Safety. |
| Friday 13 th November | International Kindness Day Dress down Friday - a non-uniform day to raise funds for charity. £1 donation per family. |
| 16 th -20 th November | Anti-Bullying Week Activities all week looking at how we can show respect for others and prevent bullying. |
| 23 rd - 27 th November | Road Safety Week |
| Friday 4 th December | Dress Down Friday - a non-uniform day to raise funds for charity. £1 donation per family. |
| Friday 18 th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Tuesday 22 nd December | Last Day of Term |
| Wednesday 6 th January 2021 | School re-opens for Spring Term |