



# November School Update

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We have lots taking place this month as we enter into the winter term. Below are the current things we have going on in school:

**Christmas Designs:** Your child has created their very own Christmas design, we have enclosed a form which gives you the option to purchase this in either a Christmas card, gift tag, coaster or mug. We request that any orders are placed by the end of the week with a deadline of Friday 13/11/2020 with payment by cheque or cash.

**Annual School Photographer:** On Tuesday 17/11/2020. All children will be given the opportunity to have their annual school photograph taken. Due to the current pandemic things will be slightly different this year. All children will have their photograph taken individually and will be kept safe in their own class bubble. The photographer will not permit siblings to have pictures together therefore we will be unable to have family photos.

**Remembrance Day 2020:** As you will probably be aware it is Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11/11/2020 and we will be commemorating this as we do every year with a minutes silence at 11am. We will be doing this slightly different this year due to the current pandemic and will complete our assembly virtually. Unfortunately there will be no sale of poppies due to the pandemic, however any donations will be much appreciated and we will pass these on.

**BBC Children in Need 2020:** There will be a school none uniform day held on Friday 13/11/2020. The children can bring a donation, which will go directly towards to the children in need charity. We will collect the money in a pot in our classrooms, the children can put the coins in themselves. This will be passed to the office and isolated for a week before it is sorted and sent off to children in need. The theme for Children in Need this year is around Children's mental wellbeing, the children will be participating in activities in school throughout the day.

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*Gentle reminder of current procedures:*

**Drop off/Collection:** May we please remind you it is vital that when dropping off or collecting your children you maintain a 2 metre social distance away from any other parents, children or staff members. Ensure you follow the one way system by walking up the street on the school side and down on the opposite side of the road, also try to wait for your child at the school fence rather than outside residential homes.

You have recently filled out some bubble information for us which confirms who is in your immediate childcare circle, we take this very seriously and will not allow your child to be collected by anyone out of your circle.



**Punctuality:** We understand sometimes things don't go to plan and this can result in a late drop off or collection of your child. This does however have a knock on effect within school meaning it can potentially compromise the safety measures we have in place to protect the children as well as the staff so please try to avoid this if possible. Any late collections means that your child will stand on the yard with a member of staff until you arrive.

**Before & After School Care:** We would like to remind parents/carers to book into this in advance again due to the safety measures we have in place we cannot accept children unless with prior notification. We have some exciting changes coming soon to the way you can arrange and organise your school care.

**Attendance:** As mentioned in previous letters children who are unwell must stay at home. We will contact you if your child becomes ill at school and ask that they be collected. Any child with the following symptoms – high temperature, new and persistent cough, loss of smell or taste - should get a test and must not attend school until the results are known – you should only leave home to have a test. Anyone living with someone with symptoms, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until the test results are received. If you are unsure always seek further advice. It is vitally important that the school receives a reason for absence on the first day that your child cannot attend school. We also ask that you contact us daily with an update unless your child is self-isolating.

Should you have any questions regarding anything in this letter please give our school office a call and we will be more than happy to help you: 01388 772 906.

**Important dates for the diary:**

Forest School Dates	
Class	Date
Year 2	11/11/2020
Year 3	18/11/2020
Year 4	25/11/2020
Year 5	02/12/2020
Year 6	09/12/2020
Please note: a message will be sent out to each class closer to the time as a reminder of the forest school going ahead	

Holiday Dates for your information		
	School Closes	School re-opens
Autumn half term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Christmas	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Spring half term	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Easter	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer Half Term	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer holiday	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	To be advised
Please note that you will be notified when the school will be closed for training days		