



# Newsletter



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## Autumn Term 2020 - a new norm

15/11/20



**Pupil reports for this term**

Parents have now received a report from their child's class teacher which comments on how they have settled into school since we reopened and it also reports on their assessments as to where they are in reading and number. When this was sent to you, there was also the opportunity for you to pass any comments / questions on to us. This whole process replaces the face to face parent teacher meetings which are always held in autumn term.

If you have not received your child's report or you cannot access it from their HWB account, please ring school on any of the above numbers and we will help you sort this.

**Individual Education Plans (IEPs)**

If your child has additional learning needs you will have been informed that it is statutory (which means we have to provide it) that they have an IEP that is agreed with parent and school. These IEPs have been forwarded to you via your child's HWB account. Usually, the parent and school signs the paper copy of the plan. Currently, there is no item passed between home and school that cannot easily be cleaned. So we are currently looking at how to resolve this problem. We have asked the local authority together with their legal department to help us resolve this issue and we are awaiting their response. In the meantime, take the time to read over the plan and discuss with your child and the class teacher. We will let you know the next step.

*You are not alone*

**WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK**

Send a txt we can edit your text!

**Talk to an experienced, friendly, qualified member of the team**

Strategies for tackling unwanted behaviour, routines, bedtime, a listening ear for all your parenting queries

**Mon-Fri 10am-1pm**

Call / txt us 07805817853

### **Face Coverings**

Face coverings outside the schools gates during handover time was put into place last week at the request of our director. This measure is to further reduce the risk of any spread of covid as social distancing can be difficult at these times. Everyone is respecting this and it is clear that we are all 'pulling together' to get this problem sorted for our community. Thank you!

You may have noticed teaching staff wearing face covering also. At the moment, this is just for outside the school building when parents would like to speak to staff on an individual basis. Staff are currently not wearing face coverings for face to face teaching. We made this decision early on to ensure children felt comfortable by seeing our smiles, seeing our expressions, and ensuring they could hear us talking.

The government is currently reviewing this matter and we are waiting for their decision. If the decision is made for teachers to wear face coverings we have purchased clear face shields in readiness. They are clear and unobtrusive. Staff dealing with the very youngest pupils are already using these at certain times for their own protection. We will keep parents informed of any changes on this matter.

### **Christmas Plans (the start)**

#### **Christmas dinner in school**

Can we sort it? Yes we can! It is taking us a little time to organise and think it through how we can ensure that the children have the same experience but in a covid safe manner! The details of the organisation is lengthy so this will come out to you in a separate letter closer to the date.

#### **Christmas Concert**

Are we doing anything? Yes we are! Again it will be different but it will happen. Parents will be provided with a video and we have plans to make it special. Again, the details are lengthy, so this too will come out to you on a separate letter.

#### **Father Christmas**

Is he well? Is he coming this year? Of course he is. He is doing the same as us! Planning the details! He said he will let us know as soon as he can make sure his helpers are all safe and well. He is self isolating at the moment to make sure he is well enough for the weeks ahead. Good to hear he is keeping everyone safe!

### **INSET DAYS** **(TEACHER TRAINING TIME)**

December 21st & 22nd - no school for children. Staff will be looking at how we can plan for the spring term thinking about the new curriculum and how we can teach it under the 'new normal'. We will also be analysing all aspects of pupils progress as a staff since we have reopened.

### **Children In Need**

The children had a great day as you can see from the facebook page! The money will be counted after Tuesday to allow over 72 hours just to be sure.

### **What if you or a member of your family tests positive for covid?**

It is important that you let us know so we can help track and trace let others know if they have had contact.

**Please ring school 882819 or text the school number - 07387903683**



