

Friday 6th
November 2020



Heather Avenue Infant School Newsletter

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term, we hope you all had a wonderful half term break. It has been lovely to return to our International week focused on Norway. The children have really enjoyed their learning and it has been lovely for some of the children who have actually visited Norway to share their experiences and photos with their classes.

National Coronavirus Lockdown

As we are now in National Lockdown 2, we would like to remind you of some of the ways you can support us, to continue to keep the children, parents and staff safe at school.

- Please only attend school if you are completely free of any Covid-19 symptoms. If you or your child have any of the following symptoms; high temperature, continuous cough, loss of taste or smell, please do not attend school, let us know that you have symptoms and stay at home - only leaving home to get tested
- Please ensure that only one parent/carer attends site for drop off and pick up from school
- Please stick to your staggered start and finish times and spend as little time as possible on the school premises when dropping off or collecting your child – please ensure that arrangements have been made with your child’s class teacher if you have siblings with different timings to minimise any waiting times
- There should be no groups gathering at entrance gates/doors - please maintain social distance in all areas of school including outside
- Please only come into the setting for essential reasons e.g. to collect your child if they are ill or for safeguarding reasons

Please be reassured that we are maintaining our class bubbles of children, ensuring that children only come into school if symptom free or have had a negative test result. Everyone is practising good hygiene including plenty of effective hand washing and we are ensuring that we carry out additional sanitising / cleansing of high touch points.

For more information please see the updated guidance at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020>

We are here to support in any way we can so please get in touch if you have any worries/concerns

HOT DINNERS

We are steadily making our way back to offering hot food for the children at lunch time, since starting back we have been able to offer hot finger foods on a Monday and Friday with packed lunches on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. As from Monday 16th November 2020 we will be offering hot food each day with each class having a staggered timing for lunch in the canteen. We have worked incredibly hard with Norse (our lunch providers) to ensure that all measures are in place to keep this Covid safe, including the use of screens, spaced sitting, staggered timings and thorough hygiene measures.

Charity

'Children in Need 2020' is taking place on Friday 13th November, we will be selling Children in Need merchandise to raise funds and holding a non-school uniform on the day where children can bring in a donation to this charity.

If you would like to donate to 'Children in Need' please send money in, in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with what the money is for, this could be either:

- Children in Need Merchandise (£1 per item) for wristband or Pudsey pin badge
- Children in Need donation for Non-school uniform



Friends Of Heather Avenue (FOHA)

It was great to meet virtually with some of our parents for our FOHA AGM and start to think about ideas for school fundraising virtually.

One of the main ideas is to hold a family quiz! We are in the process of planning this for Friday 11th December with more information to follow, so please put the date in the diary.

Moving forwards we are also hoping to set up some virtual coffee mornings.

As always it would be amazing if more people could support our FOHA – more hands really do make light work and whilst I feel we have a really strong committee with lots of great ideas and enthusiasm, more support would be really wonderful. The next meet will be held virtually at 1.30pm on Tuesday 17th November. Joining information will be sent nearer the time.


Pregnancy news!

We are delighted for Miss Dyball (Woodpeckers class teacher) and Mrs Farmer (Support and Intervention) who are both expecting. We hope that you will join us in congratulating them on this wonderful news.

We have plans in place for Mrs Bailey and Mrs McNorton to teach Woodpeckers class when Miss Dyball takes her maternity leave. The children have lots of experience of working with Mrs Bailey already and the children will all know Mrs McNorton who will be returning from maternity leave.

Diary Dates –further dates will be added as the year progresses

Monday 9 th November 2020	Open day for prospective parents – cancelled
Tuesday 10 th November 2020	Open day for prospective parents – cancelled
Wednesday 11 th November 2020	Open day for prospective parents – cancelled
Friday 13 th November 2020	Non-uniform day for Children in Need
Week beginning Monday 16 th November 2020	Mini Enterprise week
Week beginning Monday 23 rd November 2020	Mini Enterprise week
Friday 11 th December 2020	FOHA Quiz event
Friday 18 th December 2020	Last day of Autumn term for children
Monday 21 st December 2020 – Friday 1 st January 2021	Christmas holidays
Monday 4 th January 2021	Children return to school for first half of Spring term
Week beginning Monday 4 th January 2021	Events week in school
Monday 15 th February 2021 – Friday 19 th February 2021	Spring Half Term
Week Beginning Monday 22 nd February 2021	International Week – children will be learning about Egypt
Monday 1 st March 2021	Parent / Carer meetings
Wednesday 3 rd March 2021	Parent / Carer meetings
Monday 29 th March 2021 – Friday 9 th April 2021	Easter Holidays
Monday 3 rd May 2021	May Bank holiday school closed
Week beginning Monday 24 th May 2021	International Week – children will be learning about New Zealand
Monday 31 st May 2021 – Friday 4 th June 2021	Summer Half Term holiday
Thursday 22 nd July 2021	Last day of Summer term