



**'Loving our neighbours as ourselves, by treating others how we'd like to be treated'**

**5th November 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and that this new period of lockdown goes smoothly for you. These are certainly challenging times, but your children have been wonderful and returned to school from their half-term raring to go and overwhelmingly positive about their learning. They are a joy to be with.

We continue to use all the measures we possibly can to keep our bubbles safe and secure. We have reminded all the children and staff about the rules, routines and hygiene control measures we are using and everyone is being very responsible.

In line with the updated DfE guidance, we will not be allowing anyone except the most essential of visitors into the school during the school day, or after. This means no evening tours of the school with myself for new prospective parents/carers either for the time being. If you know anyone who is thinking of sending their child to our Reception class in September 2021 but has not yet contacted us, please encourage them to phone us to discuss this and I will arrange a live online meeting with them if possible.

I am delighted that Diamonds have been able to move back into their classroom after their flood and that this means the hall is now free for indoor activities if the weather is too wet to hold them outside.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the slight improvements there have been to parking this week. I spoke to a number of families outside school this week and they have reported that the 'no parking on the junction/bend' rule has been respected. Long may this continue!

Best wishes,

Judith Jones

### **Parent/Carer Consultations**

If you are yet to return your reply slip, please do as soon as possible. If they haven't already, your child's teacher will call you soon for your follow-up if you requested they do this.

### **Remote (home) Learning Survey**

We sent home a survey earlier this week via Microsoft Forms with a few quick questions on it about your current home internet access and availability of online devices for your child/ren to use. We have had a lot of replies already but wanted to remind you in case you had forgotten to complete it. If you didn't receive it, please phone the school office – 01508 530506.

### **Children in Need**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, the School Council would like all the children to participate in a 'fancy dress fun-run fundraiser'. This will involve children coming to school in their fancy dress costume (to prevent having to change) so it needs to be something they can wear safely and comfortably all day. It may be they can add extras they bring in a named bag for the actual fun-run such a mask/hat/cloak and only wear the basic outfit in class. If you feel able to, please send in your donation in a sealed envelope/bag.

The fun-run will be outdoors but if weather is very bad, we will adapt it in small numbers in the hall to be sure it is Covid-safe.

## **Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day 2021**

The week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November is Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year is United Against Bullying and we will be participating in this by exploring the theme together through lessons and assembly time.

If your child wishes to, they can come to school in odd socks for the day to show how they will stand up against bullying. These can be as loud and crazy as they like! Staff will see what they can find too!

## **Remembrance**

Rev'd Lydia will be holding a whole school online assembly on Weds 11<sup>th</sup> November with us to mark Remembrance. We have not been able to receive poppies into school as our local British Legion branch contacted us to say they could not bring them this year. If your child wants to wear a poppy from home or one from another source, that is fine.

## **Food Bank Donations**

Many thanks for all the donations you sent in for the local foodbank in response to our harvest appeal. We are arranging collection.

## **Christmas!**

We will be sending information out about arrangements for Christmas such as Christmas cards soon so you know what we will be able to do and how it will work.

## **DIARY DATES**

**November** – Weds 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Collective Worship Online with Rev Lydia for all classes.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need Fancy Dress Fun-Run

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Odd Socks Day

## **December**

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – break up for Christmas holiday

## **January**

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – School re-opens for spring term