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10th November 2020

Dear Parent

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls

During the month of November, we remember our beloved dead.

May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in His mercy, may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last.

Beginning of School Day

The 'drop-off' is now working very well – thank you for your cooperation. As we are now in a second lockdown, it is important that we all adhere to the regulations set out for us to keep as safe as possible and, most importantly, to maintain our whole school attending each day.

Please, if you need to arrive earlier than 8.30, you should use Kidz.comm's breakfast club. We cannot allow clusters of people to build up at the front of the school. Thank you!

Please use the NHS QR scan for track and trace – on front door and window should you have an appointment to meet someone within the school.

Please ensure that the appointments are for urgent purposes only at this time.

Parent consultations

The teachers have been very happy with the way the consultations have been going, despite preferring to meet with you face to face. We hope you have been equally pleased with the quality of information. Do let us know if there is anything that you need to support your child's learning.

The God Who Speaks...

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,

and found by those who look for her.



Remembrance Day – 11th November

Tomorrow at 11.00 we will stand silent as a school to remember those who have fought (and continue to do so) for our freedom. Miss Detheridge (thank you) has organised for all classes to develop a display which will be exhibited at the end of the day – Twitter pictures only for parents.

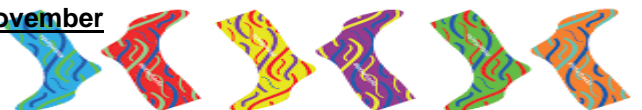
Christmas Celebrations 2020

As yet, we do not know what the next few weeks will bring but we are going to prepare (and be prepared) to celebrate our Nativity and Carol Service in one way or another. We have been in touch with a company who can record more professionally than we could manage, should we need to 'stream' on line. More details later.

Anti-Bullying Week – 'United Against Bullying' – 16th – 20th November

Begins with ODD SOCKS day on Monday 16th!

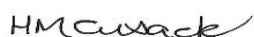
Ordinary Time – Week 32: 'Stay awake...'



Letter from Dr Justin Varney, Director of Public Health, for all parents of children attending schools in England.

Please read the letter which is attached below. May I also remind you that according to current lockdown laws, children should not be having 'sleepovers' in another household for any reason. PLEASE cooperate with the regulations to keep all staff and children safe. We will need to report such cases. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



H M Cusack
Headteacher



06th November 2020

Dear parent/carer

I hope this finds you well and you and your family are keeping safe in these restricted times.

As children return to school after the half term break it is important to remember the threat posed by the pandemic and that we must all remain vigilant.

Rates of infection are still increasing and the government has now implemented further restrictions across England. Although schools will remain open it is vital that we all stick to the rules and be aware of our surroundings when we do leave the house – such as when taking children to school.

Staff have worked really hard to make schools Covid-safe, ensuring no over-crowding during breaktimes but that children can socialise within their bubbles. This has resulted in little evidence of transmission of the virus within classrooms.

However, while the school building itself maybe safe, it is also important for parents and carers to keep their distance while dropping off and collecting children. Schools have made arrangements so that there are not too many people outside the school gates, such as staggered arrival and collection times and only one adult accompanying children.

I can't emphasise enough how important it is to stick to these rules. Please help school and staff by maintaining distance from other parents and leaving the area as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child. It is also important to avoid car sharing on the school run. Walk if you can, but if you need to drive, don't share with others as the virus can easily be passed within that confined space.

If you have any concerns speak to your head teacher. We will get through this, but we must all think of each other and work together.

Yours sincerely,



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