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Newsletter Friday 23rd October 2020

October half term holiday:

School closes today and re-opens on **Monday 2nd November**.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you for the support we have received across this half term with all of the routines we have had to put in place.

Secondly, your support across this week. As you will appreciate, this is beyond our control, we have liaised with all LA services to get the water heater fixed as quickly as is possible but due to difficulties getting replacement parts this has been unsuccessful. Work will take place across next week so that hopefully it will be replaced, or a temporary solution installed ready for our return on Monday 2nd November.

The children have been amazing this half term. They have accepted all of the new routines, returned to learning with enthusiasm after such a long break and we are very proud of them.

After half term our current systems will remain in place. Please continue to adhere to social distancing rules when you come to collect your child and wear a face covering when you enter the site whether it be the playground or the office area.

Please continue to report any absences to the school office either by leaving a voicemail or sending a message via school gateway. Please include in the message what your child's illness / symptoms are.

IMPORTANT: if your child or anyone in your household has any symptoms of coronavirus you need to book a test for that person and ALL household members must isolate until results are received - please do not send your child to school while you are waiting for the results. If your child has been in close contact with anyone (outside of the household) with symptoms and you are aware that they are having a test, please keep your child home to isolate until their results come back.

We are aware that COVID hand washing routines across school are making some children have sore hands. Please help us with this by reminding your child to wet their hands first, then apply the soap and then rinse. We have bought the mildest soap possible but to try and help reduce any discomfort, children can bring a named, small tube of hand cream in to keep in their tray to apply to their hands.

If you are travelling abroad during half term please be mindful of any isolation periods needed on your return. Due to the current situation guidance is changing regularly so please check the Travel Corridor list and keep school informed if your child needs to isolate.



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If your child is going on holiday in term time please continue to inform the school office as soon as possible in writing, confirming the dates and reason for the holiday. The usual procedures for the authorisation of holidays in term time continue to be applied. It is extremely important that we know where you are travelling to so that we can be aware if any isolation periods needed on your return.

After half term there will be our usual parent/carer consultations however, these will take place virtually. Please book your appointment via the information sent to you yesterday. Just to remind you each appointment is only 10 minutes in length.

As the national situation continues to unfold, we will keep you updated. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have the Christmas Fayre or any of our usual Christmas concerts, however, we are currently looking at what we can do to celebrate Christmas.

Remote learning will continue to be offered to any year groups or individuals who have to self-isolate at any point across the next half term. Any issues please use the year group email address and staff will reply to you.

Please follow the Government guidance and remain vigilant over the half term holiday. We have a collective responsibility to keep everyone safe.

Stay safe and take care everyone,
Shirley Welsh



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