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Dear Parents/Carers,

October Updates

Below are just a few things we wanted to inform you of as we approach the end of our first half term back.

Half Term

Please note as Friday 23rd October is a Staff Training Day the children break up for half term on Thursday 22nd October. We return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Non-Uniform Day

We would like to invite our children to come into school on Thursday 22nd October wearing non-uniform, and although Halloween is during half term; we thought there won't be the same opportunities this year for our children to celebrate. So, if the children want to use this non-uniform day to dress up in appropriate costumes on Thursday they can. However, we cannot allow accessories and masks due to our risk assessment for Covid-19 and keeping everyone safe.

Keeping Safe

The safety and well-being of our pupils, families and staff is of paramount importance to us. Therefore, we ask that from Monday parents/carers all make sure they adhere to the guidelines we set out in September regarding the timings for drop offs and collecting children.

Classes	Drop offs	Collection times
Class 1 & 2 (Nursery, Rec, Y1 & Y2)	8.35-8.45am	3.00
Classes 3 & 4 (Years 3-6)	8.50-9.00am	3.15
Sibling groups	8.50-9.00am	3.15

This is to limit the number of parents congregating on the yard and having to wait.

Can we please remind you that at all times you keep your distance from other people as you approach the school gate and when you are on the school site. Also, we would ask that only one person per household collects and drops the children.

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November: Month of Remembrance

We are still wanting to support the Royal British Legion in their annual Poppy Appeal but obviously this year it has to look slightly different. Poppies will be on sale at the end of each day, sold by the Pupil Leadership Team in each class. We would ask that children take any items home and keep them there to avoid any potential cross contamination should items fall off or be mislaid.

During November, as a school we remember all, in addition to the armed forces, who have passed away. After half term the children will be making a Remembrance Tree where we will keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers on a daily basis.

Sponsored Fun Run

Thursday 5th November – Please see the separate letter regarding this event.

Clothing

After half term it will be getting colder, so please make sure your child is wearing suitable clothing (coats, hats, etc) and appropriate footwear. The children in Class 3 will continue with their Friday Scout.Ed sessions so must bring in wellies and a change of socks and trousers. Please put these items in a carrier bag.

Parent Consultation Appointments

Information will be given out next week regarding these appointments. Due to current restrictions these consultations will be over the phone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ashton