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## **Newsletter - Friday 6th November 2020**

### **Uniform and Warm Clothing**

As you are aware our risk assessment and guidance requires a good source of ventilation and fresh air in classrooms and work spaces. As the weather turns colder this is making it a little chilly in our rooms. Please do make sure that your child has their school jumper. At this time we are also happy if your child wishes to wear a further layer or two over their uniform in the form of an extra fleece, jumper or hoody. We do not expect these to be in line with the school uniform policy, however, we do expect them to wear their school uniform as normal and for these items to be additional if needed.

### **Covid Parent Guidance**

Please note that the DfE have updated their guidance for parents and carers which can be found [HERE](#). We have updated our parent guidance in line with the DfE recommendations and this is attached to this email. Please could we remind parents of the importance of maintaining social distancing at the gate and to consider the use of face masks at this time. Thank you.

I would like to thank you for your continued support in following our guidance to keep our school family safe. I would also like to thank you for all the positive comments and support to our wonderful hard working staff.

### **Remote Learning Update**

As the national roll out of remote learning continues, our staff are continuing to develop their knowledge and skills through ongoing training for Google Classroom.

We have now introduced Google Classroom to the children and will shortly be releasing to you a parent's guide and your child's log in. In the meantime, the children are getting used to using this more regularly within the school setting to support our every-day teaching and learning and learning how to use different aspects in preparation for home learning if needed at any time.

Unfortunately, we are still waiting for our additional devices as we are informed that there continues to be a national shortage in availability. Fingers crossed it won't be too long!

### **School Photographs**

The school photographer is scheduled to come into school on the morning of Monday 16th November. We have carried out a risk assessment and we are able to have the photographer in school under current guidelines. On this occasion, only children in school will be photographed, no additional siblings who do not attend Danby School, will be able to be included this time. Siblings who are at Danby School will be photographed together. If you would like single photographs as well, please email school to let us know no later than Friday 13th November.

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Your child will be bringing home a brochure today with some discounted books listed from Scholastic Book Club. Orders can be placed directly with Scholastic via their website or you can send the orders into school in a sealed envelope together with payment. Full instructions are on the order form in the centre of the brochure. For all orders placed, we receive a voucher for 25% of the total order value to spend on books for our school library.

### **Children in Need**

This year's Children in Need appeal takes place on Friday 13th November. We will be having a non-uniform day in school with the Children in Need theme of yellow or spotty. Please don't feel like you have to go and spend money on an outfit, an old t-shirt with drawn on spots or a spotty face paint face would be absolutely brilliant. All we ask is that children make a donation of £1.00 for the appeal that can be brought into school on Friday morning. Children will still need their PE kit to change into for the afternoon session.

### **Forest School and PE**

Following the announcement of a further lockdown from today, unfortunately we will be unable to continue to run Forest School during this time. We know the children all look forward to these afternoons, but after reading all the guidance and talking to our Forest School leader, Mr Freestone, we all feel that cancelling further sessions is the safest option. Therefore, all children will be doing PE on Friday afternoons until further notice.

### **Bag2School**

I have confirmed with Bag2School that despite the lockdown, the Bag2School collection will still be going ahead as planned on Wednesday 11th November to raise funds for Danby School PTFA. Please leave your bags on the playground at drop off time on Wednesday morning, we are unable to accept them into school before this date. Thank you so much for your support.

Liz Orland