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Newsletter

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well in these challenging times.

I would kindly draw your attention to the information in the latest government document on social distancing. This can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>

This is the current guidance while we are in this second period of lockdown.

It clearly details the recommendations for social distancing. It states that to reduce the risk of catching or spreading Covid-19 that you should ensure that you are two metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble. An infected person can pass on the virus even if they do not have any symptoms, through talking and breathing as well as coughing or sneezing. When with people you do not live with, you should also avoid physical contact, being close to them and being face-to-face.

Please follow this guidance carefully when entering our school grounds for drop-off and pick-up and when exiting through the Village Hall grounds.

As of today, there will be a few minor changes to collection arrangements. This is part of heightened risk management measures that we are putting in place at school due to the rising prevalence of Covid-19 in Shropshire.

For Elm and Ash classes collection points will remain the same at pick-up.

For Oak Class, there will now be a coned area outside of the class base through which children will be dismissed at the end of the school day. Staff dismissing the children will remain in the doorway of the classroom.

A coned area will also be in place at the side door to Fir and again staff will remain in the doorway of the classroom.

Please arrive at school at your designated departure time. The times are as follows:

Surnames beginning **A to E** : **3:05 pm**

Surnames beginning **F to O** : **3:15 pm**

Surnames beginning **P to Z** : **3.25 pm**

We are seeing an increasing number of children being collected at the earlier collection time and this is causing some congestion between 3.05 and 3.15 pm. If numbers continue at this high level, we will be have to unfortunately limit the number of parents passing through the side green gate by the playing field in order to reduce the congestion that is beginning to

arise on the KS1 playground. Sadly, this will result in a longer queuing time along the school path and through the gate and across the car park.

Thank you for your continued support in trying to keep our school as safe as possible through this difficult and challenging time.

Mrs Budd

A huge thank you to the HSA for their wonderful enthusiasm and creativity in coming up with some fantastic ideas to celebrate the festive season in these hugely different times. Please do support them if you are able, although we very much appreciate that these may be difficult times for many. A newsletter from the HSA will be sent home today detailing all their forthcoming events.

Thank you to everyone who was able to support their fundraising activity over half term. There were some incredible challenges undertaken, many of which we have been able to see on Seesaw and are being celebrated in the children's 'bubbles'. Thank you for letting us hear about your child's super achievements and a massive thank you to you, your families, and friends for their kind sponsorship. An amazing £628 has been raised to date - a wonderful achievement in these challenging times. A huge heartfelt thank you from us all at school!

Mrs Budd

School Meals: It has been wonderful to see so many children enjoying Ang's delicious school lunches this half term. Thank you to everyone for sending in your payment (cash or cheque) in a sealed envelope. Due to our current risk assessment due to Covid-19, we are unable to accept payment unless it is in a sealed envelope.

We would also ask that payments are kept separate from any other money that is coming into school such as donations for charitable events or HSA fundraising events. Please ensure that payments for different things are kept separate. This will greatly assist our admin team who are kindly taking payments for school meals at this current time in addition to their existing duties as we no longer have a cash collector employed by Shire Services.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Mrs Budd

Seesaw: Thank you all again for engaging positively with Seesaw. We've seen a great uptake in homework activities which is really positive. Homework activities will be set on a Friday (or Thursday for Oak Class) so please remember to look out for these. Children have until Wednesday of the following week to complete any activities set.

If you have any queries or questions please feel free to contact your child's class teacher or myself through the school office.

Miss McGrath

Omushana Update

Last December we sent 10 boxes of books to be shipped to Uganda. We have just heard from Gill Castle, one of the trustees, that our books were part of 3,000 books on their way to the libraries in the villages of Rushaga, Ruhija, Nyakeina and Murushasha. Before the pandemic, Omushana continued to promote reading through taking Book Boxes and reading stories to children at the remote schools. They visit over 3000 children in more than 30 schools every month. Since late March all the libraries and schools have been closed, but the 'Fun with Books' programmes are ready to restart in 2021.

Mrs Bebb

Children in Need: Thank you for your support on non-uniform day. The amount raised was £80. This was very generous in the current circumstances that we are facing. Thank you SO much!

Dogs on School Premises: A reminder that dogs must not be brought onto the school premises. Thank you.

HSA Newsletter: This will be emailed to parents today. It is also available to view under the Parents - Home School Association tab on the school website.

Emergency Closure of School: If we are forced to close the school due to extreme weather conditions or for any other reason, an announcement will be made on local radio stations.

Information will also be available at:

www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures