



Dear Parents and Carers,

25th September 2020

PARENTS' EVENINGS: Due to the COVID19 restrictions, it will not be possible to invite parents in for face to face meetings with their child's teacher. Instead, the teachers will call you at a specified time to give you an update on how your child has settled into the new academic year and answer any questions that you may have. The calls will last for 10 minutes and will be made during the week commencing the 12th October. You will be issued with a day and a time for your call the week before. This is a new way of working for all of us and I am confident that it will be a success. However, I do hope it will not be much longer until parents can be invited back into school.

COOLER WEATHER: Now that Autumn is definitely upon us, please remember to send your child with a coat.

WRAP AROUND CARE (WAC): Thank you to those of you who have emailed the office to say that you will be using WAC in the coming weeks. Numbers are picking up (slowly) but the facility is still running at a loss. Before and after school childcare must be self sufficient and no finance from the educational budget can be used to pay for day care. I am optimistic that the numbers will continue to improve and that there will be no need to suspend WAC. Please note any unfortunate closure would be temporary until the facility becomes financially viable again.

FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS: Ducklings, this week, have been learning about King 1 and the number 1. They have been hunting for their names, and have been practising writing their name in glitter. They have ventured out on to the field for the first time and they enjoyed running towards corners of the field to help with their shape work. They were filled with wonder at the beautiful trees we looked at. Reception have been learning the sounds i, n, m, d and looking at the numbers 1,2 and 3. The main focus has been around the story of the Little Red Hen. As well as reading and discussing the story the children have ground corn to make flour and written the sentence 'not I'. Each class has also made a visit to the shop, in the Reception garden, to buy the ingredients to make bread. The children really enjoyed looking for signs on their walk to the 'shop' and practising road safety.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS: On Tuesday 20th October 2020, the School Health Nurse Team will be visiting school to administer Flu Vaccinations to all children in years Reception to Year 6 where permission has been granted. Details of how to give permission for your child to receive the vaccination were sent via ParentMail this week, we would encourage you to complete the online consent form at your earliest opportunity.

MENTAL HEALTH DAY: It is World Mental Health day on Friday 9th October. To raise awareness of this day, the school is supporting a charity event hosted by Young Minds called '**Hello Yellow**'. This involves the children and staff dressing up in Yellow and focussing on mental health for the day. The children will need to pay £1 to dress up and each gate will have a large bucket that the children can put their £1 in upon entry and the money will be quarantined before being counted. Melissa Heason, School Council Coordinator

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher