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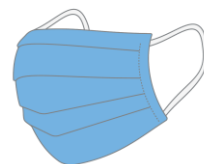
Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a lovely half term break despite the weather we had. As we move further into winter weather, please can we ask that all children have a suitable **named outdoor coat** with them in school every day so all children can get out into the fresh air when we can.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday, we await further details and clarification from the DfE regarding updated guidance as we move towards a national lockdown from Thursday. My priority is to continue to do all we can to keep our children and staff safe, so school can remain open during the coming weeks for all children.

Drop off and Pick Up – Face Coverings

In light of the national and local picture of rising numbers of Covid-19 cases, sadly, as a school, we are having to reflect on the use of face masks for adults standing at the school gates. This is not a decision we have made lightly, but to keep everyone safe, to keep bubbles open, and to support and protect all children, staff will now be wearing face masks at drop off and pick up in front of parents. Staff are not wearing face coverings whilst inside school, only at the two key times when there are numerous adults waiting for, or delivering children into, school.



As indicated in the newsletter before half term, we would now respectfully ask that parents wear face masks at these two key times of drop off and pick up when on the school site so we can all keep each other safe. We do understand that for some parents there will be medical exemptions. We also continue to encourage parents not to stand in groups, but ask them to observe social distancing guidelines and keep all children with them whilst waiting.

If occasionally a member of staff does not recognise the adult picking up a child due to a face covering, we will respectfully ask you to quickly remove your face covering to ensure all children are going home with the adults we expect them to.

I thank you in advance for your support with this and your understanding that this is not something we undertake lightly. All outside adults are still smiling and greeting every child that we can as they come into school and once inside, school is as normal as it can be under the current circumstances.

Remote Learning Audit

We would like to carry out an audit of how easy it is for children to access remote learning. This will help us in the event of any potential class / year group / school closures during the coming months. Please click on the link below, it should only take a few minutes of your time. Thank you.

[Remote Learning Audit 2020](#)

Poppies

There will be an opportunity for children to donate to the Royal British Legion and purchase (for £1+) poppy related items from *Wednesday 1st November*. Each class will have their own set of poppies and poppy related merchandise.



FUBS!

FUBS Smarties Challenge

We hope you enjoyed the FUBS Smarties Challenge over half term. Please send in your Smarties tubes filled with 20p coins this week – don't forget to label them with your child's name and class. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Gift Sale

Children love choosing Christmas gifts for their families, so this event will be going ahead in early December – watch out for further information coming very soon.

Christmas Online Raffle

Could you help with a prize? Following the success of previous online raffles, FUBS would like to hear from anyone who would be willing to donate a prize for their Christmas Raffle this year. Please contact FUBS on fubsoffice@gmail.com if you can help.

Keep well and stay safe.

Best wishes
Becky Linford
Head Teacher



Dates for Autumn Term 2020

Wed 4th Nov
Fri 13th Nov
Mon 7th Dec
Wed 9th Dec
Wed 9th Dec
Thu 10th Dec
Fri 11th Dec
Fri 11th Dec
Wed 16th Dec
Fri 18th Dec

KS1 Fire of London Theatre Workshop
Flu Vaccinations Years R to 6
FUBS Christmas Gift Sale - Years 1/2
Reindeer Run for St Barnabas
FUBS Christmas Gift Sale - Year R
FUBS Christmas Gift Sale - Years 3/4
FUBS Christmas Gift Sale - Years 5/6
Wear Your Christmas Jumper to School Day - £1 donation
Christmas Lunch – Wear a Christmas Hat
Last Day of Autumn Term



Dates for Spring Term 2021

Mon 4th Jan
Mon 15th Feb – Fri 19th Feb
Mon 22nd Feb - Fri 26th Feb
Fri 26th Feb – Wed 3rd Mar

First Day of Spring Term
Half Term Week
Focus Week – Shakespeare Week
Travelling Book Fair

Wed 3rd Mar
 Thu 4th Mar
 Thu 4th Mar
 Fri 19th Mar
 Fri 1st Apr

Parent Teacher Consultations
 Parent Teacher Consultations
 World Book Day
 Red Nose Day
 Last Day of Spring Term



Dates for Summer Term 2021

Mon 19th Apr
 Mon 3rd May
 Mon 24th May – Fri 28th May
 Mon 31st May – Fri 4th Jun
 Fri 9th Jul
 Wed 21st Jul

First Day of Summer Term
 Bank Holiday – School Closed
 Walk to School Week
 Half Term Week
 INSET Day – School Closed
 Last Day of Summer Term

Academic Year 2020 to 2021

| Term | Dates |
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| Autumn Term 2020 | Starts: Thursday 3 September – Children start on Monday 7th September Half Term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October Ends: Friday 18 th December INSET Days: Thursday 3 September, Friday 4 September |
| Christmas Break | Monday 21 December to Friday 3 January |
| Spring Term 2021 | Starts: Monday 4 January Half Term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February Ends: Thu 1 April INSET Days: None |
| Easter Break | Friday 2 April to Friday 16 April |
| Summer Term 2021 | Starts: Monday 19 April Half Term: Tuesday 1 June to Friday 4 June Ends: Friday 23 July Bank Holidays: Monday 3 May and Monday 31 May INSET Days: Friday 9 July, Thursday 22 July, Friday 23 July |