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Dear Parents / Carers



Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We are in a second lockdown and I know this will be incredibly hard for many in our community. I am pleased schools remain open however we will need to work together to ensure that our school stays open and that we all remain safe. Please remember the following rules:

- Please drop off and collect your child at the correct time. This is to minimise the number of people on site at one time. Please do not 'hang on' to your children and deliver them at 9am – your child will potentially be missing the important start to the day in their class. If you need to wait between times, please wait on one of the lower two playgrounds.
- Only one adult per family to drop off or collect
- All adults **must wear a mask** when coming on to the site. If you are exempt, please wear an exemption lanyard (green with sunflowers). If you do not have a mask you will not be allowed access to the school and your children will be escorted to or from you. Please leave the site promptly
- Please keep your distance when dropping off and picking up. Stay outside the marked areas at the classroom doors.
- If you, your child or anyone in your household displays symptoms of COVID-19, please do not bring your child or children to school. Keep them at home and follow the [government guidance](#)

The COVID-19 Community Hub remains open and continues to focus on helping the most vulnerable in our county, providing support, information and guidance. More details about how the Community Hub can help our vulnerable residents, their families and carers can be found on their [website](#). But if your request is urgent, for example, you are going to run out of food or medication within the next three days, please call: **033 022 27980**.

In order to keep everyone safe in school, all staff are wearing masks in communal areas, and many are wearing visors when working closely with children. All staff are leaving promptly at the end of the day to minimise the time they are together on site. If you need to contact a member of staff please either email to the Year Group email address or send an email to the school office.

Reception 2021

Normally we would be running tours for prospective parents looking for places in Reception in 2021. Instead, next week, a virtual tour will be available on our website. Led by the children, as they do on the 'real' tours, you will be able to get an insight into



the experiences of our children every day and why we are the school for every child in the village!

Children in Need

This is next Friday 13th November. We always mark this and we will this year. Children can wear their own clothes – or uniform – and make a donation to the charity via the [Just Giving](#) page we have set up! Please do not send cash in to school. Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/billingshurstprimary>

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020

Unfortunately we are unable to sell poppies for the British Legion 2020 Poppy Appeal. If you would like to donate go to <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

Christmas

It is time to think about the upcoming festivities. Obviously it is going to look quite different at school this year, with many of our traditional activities unable to take place but we will not let it go by without doing all that we possibly can. Reception classes will do a nativity but this will be filmed and then made available to parents. Unfortunately, this year, we cannot have parents in school for any performances. Each class in the school will also do a short Christmas recording for parents but these will not be the performances as you are used to as we cannot share the hall for rehearsals and we have to protect the class bubbles within the year group bubbles, especially indoors. We will have a 'wear your Christmas clothes/jumper' day on 17th December, with simple class parties, in their classrooms, in the afternoon. Unfortunately we cannot have Carols in the Car Park or our Christmas Church services. However the wonderfully popular Christmas Trug competition will run, as usual, thanks to the BPSCA. We look forward to seeing some amazing trugs again this year – more information to come.

Book Fortnight

We are well into our fortnight of sharing this book across the school and the curriculum. There will be some lovely work shared on our social media pages and a virtual presentation will be made available to all parents after the fortnight is up. Watch this space!



Take care and keep safe.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Williamson
Headteacher

Letters Home This Week

All – Parent Consultation Appointment Letter

Dates for Diary

Autumn Term - Thursday 3rd September 2020 – Friday 18th December 2020
Half Term - Monday 26th October 2020 – Friday 30th October 2020

Spring Term - Monday 4th January 2021 – Thursday 1st April 2021
Half Term - Monday 15th February 2021 – Friday 19th February 2021

INSET Day - Monday 4th January 2021 and Friday 12th February 2021

Summer Term - Monday 19th April 2021 – Friday 23rd July 2021
Half Term - Monday 31st May 2021 – Friday 4th June 2021

INSET Day - Monday 19th April 2021

13th November – Children in Need Non Uniform Day

16th December – Christmas Lunch

17th December – Christmas Jumper / Christmas Clothes Day