



NEWSLETTER

11 November 2020

Dear Parents

I hope you are all well. The situation in school is that we had three teachers absent this week; today there are two. This has provided great challenge but teaching assistants have been amazing in stepping up and supporting classes with teachers planning. There has been some online teaching via Teams in one class. This is all we can do, otherwise we would have to close classes and that option is best avoided unless a last resort or we are directed to do so because of a positive case; we have had no positive case with any staff or child yet thankfully.

Today we had our short **Remembrance Service** outside in the playground together.

Children in Need

On Friday 13 November, children are welcome to come to school dressed in yellow or spotty colours in support of Children in Need. Instead of asking you for a monetary donation, we ask that your child bring in an item of tinned or dried food for the local food banks please. Children can put them in the box in their classroom. We thank you for all your charitable contributions already made this year to Mary's Meal and Wear it Pink. Together we can make a difference to others lives.

Well-being Day 18 November

Next Wednesday we are having a day off timetable to engage in a range of activities planned by Mrs Baker. These include whole school art, physical activity, prayer meditations, time outside, food and nutrition. It will also involve some form of healthy cooking, such as fruit kebabs, smoothies, wraps; each teacher will plan this around their children with specific allergies. Please can children come dressed in PE clothing.

Lockdown regulations this month. We have been asked by the DfE and Oxfordshire County Council to remind parents that they should only walk to and from school with one other person from outside your household; a school age child is included in numbers. Please also try to keep 2 m apart from other families when walking up the lane; I know that this is difficult because the path is narrow. Can I please ask that you do not cross over the road to come and speak to us unless you wear a mask and remember to keep at least 2m away from us. Thank you.

Advent and Christmas

Plans will be very different this year as you would expect, and staff are soon to discuss this matter. There will be some form of Nativity that will involve the whole school and that will be filmed. Sadly, I am afraid that parents will not be allowed on site. We will still have Christmas dinners but in classrooms, and an afternoon party. Staff will make it as enjoyable as they can.

Julie Andrews (PTA chair) will write to you soon to outline several fundraisers that we may be able to do, such as a raffle, a Christmas Jumper Day, and a Pyjama Day with fines!

New parents September 2021

If you know of any new family looking for a school place for their child next year, please ask them to ring the office for information regarding visits etc. There is also information on the school website; if they look under the children tab they will see information from each of the classes. We are hoping to put a virtual tour on our website soon.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

If you have not yet completed the online form please can you do so as a matter of urgency using the link and school code below. You still need to complete the form even if you do not wish your child to have the immunisation at school. https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu_ school code OX123224

Thank you for your support and patience.

Kind regards
Mrs H Ellery