16th November 2020

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

**I hope you are all well and thought you might appreciate a brief update.**

Thank you all for your support regarding punctual but not early drop offs and pickups; I’m sure you will agree the start and end of the day is pretty efficient now and our children are absolutely settled into their new routines.

**This week**

Anti-bullying workshops ~ our Y4, 5 and 6 children will take part in anti-bullying workshops today, Yrs 1, 2 and 3 had theirs last week.

NSPCC Keeping Safe workshops ~ on Wednesday Yrs 1 – 6 will take part in keeping safe workshops led by the NSPCC, parent/carer letter attached.

Flu inoculations ~ a reminder that these will take place this week and that they are not injections!

**Treat time**

We have decided that part of Friday afternoons will be set aside in each class as “Golden time”; an end of week treat time aimed at allowing children to wind down after a busy week.

As children are unable to hold or attend birthday parties for one another we have also decided that if desired parents of any children who have had a birthday that week can send in sweets (multi packs where the individual sweets / packets are wrapped too please) which can be shared during this period. Please do not go overboard with this! Tuck shop will still go ahead; children, and you, can simply enjoy these later in the evening.

We are also finalising arrangements for each class to have a film afternoon; more details to follow.

**OSCA**

You will soon receive an emailed newsletter from OSCA – Our School Community Association; the new name for the group of parents / grandparents who support our school and children with events and fundraising. Please take the time to have a read through this and if you are able to get involved that would be brilliant; I am confident that this group can go on to have a hugely positive impact upon our children and school community.

The first OSCA event will be a disco; this will be for individual year groups at different times and is provisionally planned for after lockdown, more details to follow.

**Christmas**

The “C” word! As with all schools we are still investigating how we can have some form of Christmas performance or service. Obviously there is no way we can do anything live and the restrictions regarding group singing and close gatherings are challenging. We continue to investigate different possibilities and will share plans with you as soon as we can.

Regarding Christmas cards; these fall into the category of limiting materials coming into school to only essentials and obviously distributing them to different classes would involve someone handling them all and going into every bubble. We have therefore decided we will design class based cards where children can all leave a message for their friends and these will then be given to everyone in the class.

As always thank you so much for your support and positivity.

Best wishes

Adam Croft