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17<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Celebration Drop-Ins

Due to the recent increase in COVID cases across the school and the need to introduce whole school contingency measures, we have reluctantly taken the decision to postpone our year group work celebrations until the Spring term.

## Parents Evenings

Thank you to all parents who were able to make contact with their child's class teacher, during the recent Parents Evening phone calls. Many class teachers reported speaking to the parents and carers of all the children in their class. As a school we made contact with over 93% of parents that evening.

Please remember that if you would like to speak to your child's teacher, approach the office in the first instance in order for a mutually convenient appointment to be made.

## Parent Communication with School

Following the end of the last lockdown, we made the decision to retain our class email addresses. Class emails provide a useful point of contact for both parents and staff, to enable home or remote learning to be sent and received. Plus are helpful to class teachers to send out relevant class reminders when needed.

However, please be aware that **class email addresses are not checked every day** (as happened during the previous periods of school lockdown). All emails will be read, but a response will only be given if appropriate. There is no expectation on class teachers to check or respond to emails outside of school hours, during the evening/weekend and during any holiday period. If you have anything of an urgent nature, please contact the school office and they will ensure the information is passed to the relevant adult as soon as possible.

Can I also remind you to consider the tone and content of emails, phone calls and conversations you may have with school staff. Whilst we recognise that emotions run high, where your child is involved, the school has unfortunately seen an increase in aggressive correspondence and interactions with staff (albeit from a minority of the school community). School staff will always do whatever they can to ensure situations are resolved satisfactorily and would ask that you treat them in a manner which you yourself would expect to be treated. Thank you

## Children in Need

A reminder that this Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November we will hold a 'Feel Good Friday' where children can dress in whatever makes them feel good for a donation of £1.00 to Children in Need.

Please ensure that your child's outfit is suitable for day in school – it should include sensible shoes and a coat and no make up or jewellery.



## FOSP Doughnuts

If you ordered a doughnut from FOSP they will be distributed to children this Friday.

## Inset Day

The school will be closed for Inset Day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

## Attendance

For all children start of the school day is 8.45am and any children who arrive later than 9.00am will be marked in the register with a late mark.

With the current Covid situation for this week, Year 6 children are currently starting at 8.30am and finishing at 3.00pm.

## Absence from School

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, it is your responsibility to notify us. In the case of appointments please notify us, in writing, in advance of the appointment. If your child is off sick please notify us on the first day and then every day that they are away after that. To ensure that the message is received, please notify us by telephone, not by email.

We try to minimise the number of times that we have to interrupt teaching with messages. To help with this, please ensure that your child/ren knows the arrangements for the day before they leave for school in the morning, eg getting home, after-school clubs etc and have the correct PE kit, sandwiches, lunch money and any other equipment they may need in school. Of course, if there is an urgent message we will ensure that your child receives it.

## PE

If your child is unable to take part in a PE lesson, please write a note to the teacher in their planner and sign and date it. We cannot accept verbal excuses from the children.

## School Council 2021-22

Congratulations to the following children who have been appointed to the role of School Councillor and Deputy School Councillor:

Moore:	Megan Goddard	Noah Fletcher
Potter:	Logan Marshall	Jessica Long
Sharman:	Kyle Tutton	Max Walden
Brownlee:	Lachlan Rackham-Wood	Oakley Slater
Adlington:	Sebastian Rice	Amelia-Rose Gibbens
Peacock:	Alyssa Rosas	William Parkinson-Maclachlan
Barlow:	Ralph Husbands	Katie Salathiel
Sandé:	Casey Hughes	Sara Brussee
Ezra:	Samantha Bartholomew	Oliver Thomas
Shackleton:	Lauren Kent	Olivia Manning
Wallis:	Harrison Long	Willow Ramsey
Hawking:	Poppy Isaac	Adam Kniola

Already busy with their first project, the School Councillor's are currently supporting the launch of our new Behaviours for Learning in school by 'observing' around school how well children and adults are thinking about the 'respect' element of RISE. Their feedback to Mrs Jenkins will support how we move forward with ensuring that we are all thinking about 'respect' in school. Later on in the year, they will continue to review the other elements (inspire, safe and engage) and support their development in school.

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Headteacher