



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half term, we hope that you had a good half term break.

Drop off and collection times

We were aware that the staggered collection timings were tricky for those who had children in both Infants and Juniors. We listened to your concerns and have now returned to 3.30pm for the end of school for everyone. We would like to thank all parents and carers for their continuing support during these unpresented times. We will continue to monitor the situation and update you accordingly if the guidance changes. May we remind you to please continue to practise social distancing and wear face masks where applicable.

After-School Outdoor Sports Clubs

With due regard to the latest DFE guidance, 4th November 2020, regarding the National Covid-19 pandemic 'Lock Down' situation from 5th November 2020, all our out of school activities will close for the duration of the national restrictions.

Parents phone consultations

Due to the current circumstances, parent consultations this term took place via the telephone. Although these were different to normal procedures there were valuable conversations to be had, we thank you for making the time to be available. As always, if you have any further questions, please get in touch with School Office in the first instance.

Christian Values

This half term we are reflecting on the Christian value of 'Peace'. In our Collective Worship we are exploring and reflecting on the meaning of Peace and why it is important. At the start of December we will reinforce that this waiting time is called 'Advent'. Christians all around the world wait and prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Sponsored Walks

Thank you for your generosity, we will be announcing the total sum raised next week when all of your kind donations have been counted. The children are looking forward to supporting their chosen charities; 'The Seva Social Welfare Foundation' (Shilpa) and the 'Mercy Ships UK' charity.

Children in Need

We are looking forward to Children in Need on 13th November (please bring in £1) and are planning our activities to inspire our whole school and benefit our physical and mental wellbeing. As Joe Wicks has suggested that we all come to school in sportswear, this is what we plan to do. The children can wear any of their own sportswear – it does not need to be school PE kit!

Christmas card competition

All the children have been designing a Christmas card to submit to a competition run by a local MP. The winning entry will be used on his constituency Christmas cards including one to the Prime Minister. We have had some lovely designs and are hopeful that one of them is the winning entry!

Uniform

Please can we ask that all children have a suitable outdoor coat with them in school every day.

Seasonal activities

We will update you as to how we are planning to safely enjoy our Christmas in-school celebrations when we have more information from the DfE regarding national and local restrictions.

Safeguarding

As always, should you have any concerns regarding your child/children, please contact the school as soon as possible, in order that matters may be quickly and effectively resolved. Meanwhile, best of wishes to everyone for a happy, healthy and successful 2020-2021.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Kindest regards,



Mrs T Clarke and Mrs S Smith

