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5 November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has certainly been a chilly start to the term - and this is probably a good time to remind children about coats. The children are outside for about 40 minutes at lunch time so really need to have a coat with them.

Infection rates

It is good to see that the infection rates are coming down - but this does seem to be happening quite slowly. I thought it might be helpful to share some of the benchmarks we are using to inform our decision making.

Below 200 per 100,000 - we feel we could accommodate face to face group events

Below 400 per 100,000 - we feel we could accommodate face to face individual events (with some restrictions in place) ie Parents Evening

Above 400 per 100,000 - we feel we should put in place additional restrictions - such as no collective worship, minimizing mixing between classes etc.

Remembrance Service

As the local rates of covid infection are still quite high, we have made the decision to post our Remembrance Service on line. However, as this is such an important year for the British Legion, we are still going to hold our procession to the memorial stone (if the weather is kind on that day). We are planning to leave school at 10.45am, lay some poppies at the memorial stone, say a prayer and hold the 2 minute silence by the memorial stone. By making this an outside, small event we believe this is a safer option for marking the day. You are welcome to join us by the memorial but we do ask you to respect spacing between adults.

Parents Evening

The Parents Evening slots have been opened on Eschools so please feel free to book your slot with your child's classteacher. Please remember that these are only 10 minute slots and are intended to provide an overview of how your child is doing at school. If any issues are raised during those meetings or you have any concerns about your child's progress, the teachers will be happy to arrange another meeting with you that will not be time restricted.

We are planning to use the same arrangements for Parents Evening as we used in the summer term:

- Parents Evening meetings will be held in the classrooms
- The classrooms will be accessed from the external doors
- It will be a one in - one out system (which does mean you will be asked to wait for your slot in the outside areas. We recommend you do not arrive too early for your appointment.)
- All parents will be asked to wear a mask and to sanitise on their way in
- These will be 10 minute slots. A member of staff will be ringing the bell to ensure we keep to time
- If you would prefer a phone call or a zoom meeting slot, please let the office know

Unfortunately, due to the covid situation, we are not able to accommodate additional children at Pippins on the evening of Parents Evening. We ask parents to make alternative arrangements for childcare for the meeting times.

School Photographs

Please see attached letter that details arrangements for school photographs on Wednesday 17th November 2021.

Flu Immunisation (Friday 26th November)

Please could we remind parents to return the flu immunisation consent forms as soon as possible - but by Friday 19th November at the latest.

PTFA Fundraising

Please see the attachment for details of a new lottery to raise funds for Hope Brook PTFA.

Children in Need

Children in Need day is Friday 19th November. This will be a non-uniform day. Any donations for the day should be submitted through Parent Pay, using the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4226>

This link can also be found on the calendar page of the school website. Children are welcome to wear Children in Need accessories on that day.

Christmas Activities / Events

We know how busy life becomes in December. Next week a letter will be sent to all parents detailing the events and activities we have planned for the festive season.

The children seem to be very excited about fireworks events this weekend. Have fun and stay safe.

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 17th November** to take portrait photographs of your children, both individually and in family groups.

If you have pre-school children, you are invited to come along to the early sitting to have a picture taken with their siblings (older or younger siblings of Pippins children).

Times are as follows:-

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| 08.20 – 09.00 | Sibling groups of Pre-school children |
| 09.00 onwards | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sibling groups where all children are in school2. Individual Pippins children3. Individual school children4. Class photos |

Individual photographs of all Pippins children who are booked in for the Wednesday morning session will be taken after 9am, so there is no need to come in early unless they are having a picture taken with their siblings.

If your child is not in Pippins on Wednesday 17th November and you would like a photograph taken, we would ask you to drop in between 8.20am and 9.00am.

The photographs have always been of a good quality and they make memorable Christmas presents. There is no obligation to purchase the photographs if they are not suitable.

Mrs Stephanie Severn
Head Teacher



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