



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the school.

As we near the end of another busy week at our lovely school, it has been pleasing to write a 'normal newsletter' in regards to school life. Since September, I feel most communications with you have all been about the COVID pandemic. It is great to focus on our amazing children instead!

I have spent a lot of time this week, talking to the children in their class bubbles and witnessing some excellent teaching and learning opportunities. School continues to remain calm but productive and we all agree that the best place for all of our children is in school and not in lockdown at home!

COVID-19 updates

Firstly, thank you to the families who have to self-isolate. Your patience and understanding is appreciated during these challenging times.

I have seen some excellent home learning on our school website and I am hoping more families will be able to access this in the future, as we have been successful in applying to the Government for a grant to purchase 66 additional laptops, which eventually can be used at home with the pupils when a bubble bursts. More details will follow next term.

It is important to keep our classrooms well ventilated during COVID times as this limits the spread of the virus.

As winter approaches, this will mean that classrooms will be colder than usual so pupils are encouraged to layer up clothing under their uniform in order to keep warm.

Can I please remind all pupils to bring a full water bottle each day

and to remember to wear an outdoor PE kit on PE days.

Office updates

Please do not forget that, from Monday, school dinner children will have the option of a hot dinner instead of a grab bag, which is great as the cold weather approaches.

In addition, from Monday, if it is urgent and you need to go to the school office, please ensure that you wear a face covering; otherwise you will not be admitted into the building. Thank you to the parents who contact the school office via the website or telephone. This ensures that my office team are kept safe during COVID times.

Recent events

Even though we cannot come together as a school community, we were still able to take part in two charitable events, which mean a lot to our children.

Thank you everyone for your generosity especially during this difficult time and when many of you are suffering financial hardship. The £220 raised through our Poppy Appeal has now been sent to British Legion charity.

Last week for Children in Need day, we raised over £250 from your donations; and the children enjoyed a non-school uniform day and decorated biscuits to celebrate Pudsey's 40th birthday.

This week has been a celebration of our differences during Anti-Bullying week. Plenty of exciting activities have taken place in class bubbles and our 'odd sock' event was a success too.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!
Best wishes,
Mr Edensor
Headteacher

Diary Dates

As you are aware, there is currently limited community events happening in schools nationally, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Daily after school classes

Catch up classes and individual tutoring for targeted children in Key Stages 1 and 2 will continue this half term. 20 staff have volunteered to give up their time, after school for one hour, to provide additional teaching and learning experiences for these children. A different group of pupils will have the opportunity to join a catch up class in January; once we have reviewed all the pupils' achievement at Christmas time.

December events

Our Annual Decoration Morning will continue this year in class bubbles. In line with Leeds City Council's risk assessment, sadly, parents will not be invited but we will ensure that there are plenty of photos taken and uploaded onto our Facebook Page.

We have also had confirmation from Santa that he will be visiting all the children in school virtually this year. COVID-19 certainly won't stop him spreading his Christmas joy – especially this year!

As we cannot host our usual Christmas concerts this year, the children would like to produce a virtual carol concert, which will be uploaded onto our school website mid- December for everyone to view.