

20th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has taken me a while to work out how to start this letter, as I am not really sure how to put this half term into words. The best phrase I think I have is that it has been a 'Corona Coaster'; there have certainly been some highs and some challenges!

What has shone throughout it all, has been the amazing sense of family and community that we have here in our village. You have adjusted very quickly to changes that we have had to make and been patient when things haven't been as we wanted them. You have sent ideas, messages of support and offers of help. No matter what life has thrown at us over the past few weeks, we have been surrounded by love and support. Thank you so much for this.

Your children are an absolute credit to you, as I am sure the staff are communicating during the 'Parents' Evening' calls. The way they have come back and settled over the past few weeks has made us proud every single day. Their determination to adjust to/continue as 'normal' and their unwavering positivity makes it a joy to come to school every day. They are so special and we are so lucky to have them.

As life is not quite ready to return as we know it, I have updated the calendar for Autumn 2 and attached it. It will also be on our website. We will communicate with you in more detail around specific events, but this gives you a chance to see what lies ahead!

A few things to be aware of are:

- School photos is on 10th November (an email has gone out about this)
- For Remembrance Day, we are unable to send the box round selling poppies. As a compromise, we would like the children to come in wearing red (or something red) and make a donation that will go straight to the 'Poppy' charities
- Children in Need (the same week as Poppy day - sorry, they are national events so cannot control them!) will be non uniform with any donations going to the charity

You will notice the absence of whole school Christmas events, but don't worry, plans are underway to ensure that this Christmas will be just as special, just in a different way...

After half term, I am going to hold my first 'Solve it Squad' meeting via Zoom. I will send out more information nearer the time, but if you would like to be involved, please let me know.

Please take this time to rest with your family over the half term, and we look forward to seeing you all for the second half of the Autumn term.

Best wishes

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Headteacher