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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term and we have certainly noticed a change in the weather this week! There are a few updates to share with you ahead of the coming weeks. I am also aware that it might be new information for some parents so hopefully you will find it useful.



I hope that you all received the email bulletin with regard to homework. It is always a difficult topic to gauge as some people like homework and others struggle to do it. We have taken time to consider the best way to set homework and what we consider to be a reasonable amount for the age of child. All classes have put something on Purple Mash for this week so we hope that you can give it a go and let us know of any issues.

Prior to the holiday, we had the Safer Schools meeting and we had a really positive outcome. Please see the statement from the Crime Prevention Officer:

Safer Schools

In 2014, Claverley CE Primary school was accredited a Safer School. This is a security/safety initiative and 7 years later, Mrs Derrer and her governors have continued their Safer School involvement. Recently we held an annual Safer School meeting to update the process and it was excellent. A thorough meeting, covering all aspects of the security/safety process. This included a pro-active approach to security/safety, consultation with parents/carers through a survey, reflecting on any school issues and planning for the future. Overwhelmingly, the survey results were extremely reassuring and many nice compliments. The school was presented with an updated Safer School certificate and a future meeting is planned for Autumn 2022. Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone who returned the questionnaire as we did use your points in our meeting.

A few points came out of the meeting.

1. Many parents are very concerned about the parking outside of the school which includes parents still allowing their children to get into the car from the road side and some unsafe parking.
The crime prevention Officer stated that this really is something parents need to be responsible for. For any new parents, the Plough has always been very kind and permits parents to park at the school side of the carpark for dropping off and collecting which should ease the parking outside of school.
2. Some people are currently turning their cars around in the road outside the school and again, this is something we really would discourage as this could be very dangerous..
3. No parents/Carers are permitted to drive into the school carpark after 8.00am and before 5.00pm. Please can you ensure that this information is shared with any relatives who do the drop off/collections.
Thank you for your help with all of these matters so that we can keep our children safe.

School/Community Field

Please note that now it is dark after school, the field will not be open for community use from 1.11.21 until April 2022. It will be open at the weekends but it is not the carpark which is open for use, this is purely for access onto the field.

Children who are unwell

We are very grateful for your support in monitoring children who are poorly and not sending them in when they are unwell. Recently, I have been alerted to a number of cases where lateral flow tests have been used to monitor if a child/adult has Covid but they have been inaccurate. The lateral flow tests are showing a negative when the PCR tests are confirming positive cases. I know it feels like a nuisance but the PCRs are relatively easy to book and the results do come back very promptly and in many cases they have been back by early the day after the test has been taken. So please can we remind you that the procedure is that **if a child has any of the recognised symptoms, they must be taken for a PCR test.**

COVID-19 symptoms for children and adults include:

- Cough
- Fever or chills/Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Headache/New fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting
- Congestion or runny nose

This really is in the interest of keeping our school community safe and well. Thank you for all your support with this matter.

Remote learning



When children are off school poorly, we don't set work. However, if children are isolating and are well enough to work, we will provide work. It can be difficult to organise this straight away as teachers are often in class teaching when they receive the message. There are some links on the remote learning tab on the website if you want to get started with work at home.
Click on **Learning** and there is a **remote learning tab** with information and links on it.

Performances



After much deliberation and discussion with local Heads, we will not be hosting any end of term performances for parents to attend. We are very disappointed that we still find ourselves in this position but it really is in the interest of keeping the whole school community safe. Each class is going to do something to record and put on the website for parents. This will apply to the Christmas Church Service too. I know that many of you will feel as sad about it as we do and I hope that we can return to these wonderful school events soon.

Dates for your diary

Friday 12th November- Break the Rules day
Monday 15th November- Anti-bullying week starts with odd sock day
Friday 19th November – Children in Need – Come dressed as you wish or wear something spotty
Thursday 2nd December- Garry's Christingle Service in school (gifts or money donations for the Children's Society
Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper day (£1 donation for Save the Children)
Monday 13th December- PTA Christmas Shop
Wednesday 15th December – Christmas dinner
Thursday 16th December – Children can wear own clothes for Christmas parties
Friday 17th December – Last day to attend

Wednesday 5th January 2022- First day back to school for children.

Staffing

Mrs Edwards will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term and the governors are delighted to announce that they have appointed someone to start in Green class in January. Mrs Buckley is a very experienced EYFS and Year 1 teacher and is really looking forward to joining us. In order to have a smooth transition, she will be having some days in school prior to starting so that the children are familiar with her. She will also have the opportunity to meet the parents prior to starting too.

Thank you to those who have returned their school questionnaires we do value your comments and use them to ensure the best outcomes for the children. If you haven't done so, please could they be back by Monday.

Kind regards

J. Derrer