

Friday 18th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all so much for your very generous donations this morning. Each child enjoyed an ice lolly as they left school tonight and all money raised will be shared directly with the classes and will enable staff to buy additional resources that your children can enjoy. There will be two further Summer mufti days on Friday 2 July and Friday 16 July, thank you for your support.

We are very aware that our usual range of community events have really taken a hit this year and it has now been 18 months since we have invited you in to school to help, attend events and enjoy working in partnership with us. We have really missed this aspect of the school, we are sure you have also, and we will certainly be prioritising this issue in the coming months. The community aspect of our school is so important to us all.

Local Covid cases

The Covid situation continues to be a concern, with local cases continuing to remain high. We are seeing positive cases in some of our neighbouring schools and several year groups are now self-isolating. We really want to avoid this happening. Year 1 and 2 children are now working in year group bubbles and the impact of closing down a whole year group would be devastating to all of us. Please could we ask that you all wear masks whilst on the school site (including the horseshoe waiting area) - we are noticing that several parents are forgetting to do this. Please could we also ask that you continue to maintain social distancing and maintain vigilance for any symptoms within your households, however mild. The new Delta variant symptoms includes a headache and a runny nose, in addition to a high temperature and cough. If you are in any doubt whatsoever please arrange a PCR test immediately via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and follow household isolation guidance. Staff at school take twice weekly lateral flow tests and this week we have all been involved in surge PCR testing for the Borough.

Request for absence

We are currently receiving a number of requests to take time off school for holidays. We completely understand that holidays are in short supply within the UK this year and that it is important to try to have a break with your families after such a stressful few months. However I am unable to authorise absences for holidays so if you do decide to take a break during term time this will be recorded in the register as unauthorised absence.

Sports Day

Our annual sports day will now be held on **Tuesday 29th June**. The weather next week continues to look unsettled so we hope it will have improved by then. We are also hoping to provide a live stream of the event and will let you know more details next week. Your child will be told what to wear next week also, they are busy practising for the events!

Parking and horseshoe safety

Unfortunately we are continuing to have complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking. Please try to avoid this, it is dangerous and unacceptable to park

over people's driveways or to park illegally. It is great to see so many children walking to school or using bikes and scooters. Please could you avoid locking them to the railing along the walk way, there have been a couple of accidents where children have tripped over scooters, thank you.

CHIPTA

Please find attached a flyer giving details of CHIPTA's AGM at 10am on Friday 9 July, everyone is very welcome to join the meeting. The meeting link will be sent out in due course.

Love the Ball Summer camp at Coombe Hill

Please also find attached a flyer with details of Love the Ball's annual Summer camp which will be held at Coombe Hill, your children are familiar with the coaches who come in to school to provide sports sessions every week.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Best regards

Janet Berry