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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the October holidays, I wanted to let you know something about our plans for next term. We are keen to have as much fun as possible so we have had lots of ideas!

Hallowe'en:

This should perhaps be called *Halloweek* because we are planning the first week back at school to be around a mini Hallowe'en topic. We will be exploring science, history, craft and much much more. We would really like to go on some walks during the week and would ask you to place a picture of a ghost or a pumpkin in your window so we can see how many we spot when we are out and about.

On Friday 30th October, pupils can come to school dressed in their Hallowe'en costumes. Please remember we will still be playing outside and doing lots of activities so the costume will need to be comfortable. Please also nothing that will scare our little people!

Christmas:

We plan to hold our Christmas Fayre Virtually this year, probably via Facebook and our pupils are already making plans about wonderful things to make for the Fayre. We will also be advertising the other tables who would normally join us at the Fayre so that you will be able to browse a range of Christmas Treats. More details to follow.

Our performance will be rehearsed and recorded in November so that there is time for editing before our World Premier on YouTube on the 17th December at 7pm.

Christmas parties will be held in bubbles and will be as close to our normal fun as possible, dates are on the website.

There will be no Christmas Service, but we are going to celebrate in school with an online assembly where each class will perform for the others.

Parent Council:

If you would like a link to join the Parent Council meeting on Microsoft Teams at 7pm on Wednesday 28th November, please contact Annjanette Hazlehurst or the school and we will pass it on. All welcome.

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Drop Off and Pick Up:

Please be considerate, even on wet days. If possible, park a little away from school to avoid congestion.

It still gets a bit crowded at the gates in the afternoon. Please try to keep the area clear and maintain social distancing. Please do not smoke when coming to collect your children.

Some pupils have been turning up very early, we would ask you to arrive as close to 9am as possible.

Open Afternoon:

We normally invite parents into school this term to see the work the children have done, so we are going to make a short film of the classwork instead. If you do not want your child's image to be used please contact the school as soon as possible as we hope to release the link on Friday.

Well-Being:

We have once again used the GL Pass assessment to allow the children to tell us how they are feeling about school and learning. This allows us to be sure everyone is feeling safe, supported and confident. Where a pupil flags up as having any worries, we will make a plan for support and contact the parents. In the main the children seem to be doing brilliantly and I'm sure that's down to the support of families.

Symptoms:

If your child has a temperature or is unwell you must keep them at home. If a child becomes unwell during the school day, they will be settled in the medical room away from their peers until they can be collected. Please follow government guidelines on isolation. We remain super vigilant and we are really impressed with how carefully the children are following handwashing guidelines. We continue to keep the school well ventilated and where possible ask the children to socially distance from adults. Where that is not possible adults are wearing masks and masks are permitted for everyone who wishes to use one.

Clothing:

It's getting chilly and decidedly wet sometimes too! Please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear and that everything is clearly labelled. Clothing must be clean on every day and hair that can be tied back, should be.

Community Partnership:

We are grateful to the Community Council for presenting the school with a defibrillator. It will be for use for anyone using the school during the day or in the evenings. We hope it will never be needed but it is very reassuring to have it.

The children have been busy litter picking in the village as a way of doing their bit for the community.

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Bikeability:

We will be holding Bikeability training for Mrs Biffen/Mrs Elrick's class and Mrs A Watson's class in the spring. It is useful for everyone taking part to be confident in cycling before we begin. We will check all the bikes before we begin, and any repairs will be discussed with parents. The main thing is good brakes, a well-adjusted saddle and pumped up tyres. Helmets must also be well fitted. We hope to have some bikes and helmets to loan to anyone who doesn't have their own.

Thank you for all your help and support this term. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the school staff who have worked through holidays and late into the evenings to be sure everything is safe and happy for our pupils. I know they, and the children, are very tired but I am so proud of the happy school everyone has nurtured.

Have a lovely break,

Kind Regards,



HELEN JAMES

Head Teacher