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Autumn Newsletter

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to our new half term. It has been lovely to see our wonderful children back in school, smart and ready to learn. I want to take this opportunity to update you on some things happening this term and to thank you for your support during this very unusual time.

Drop-off and Collection - Second Lockdown

As we are moving into a second national lockdown can I gently remind you about some of our Health & Safety expectations going forward:

- **NEW** - We now ask **ALL** adults to wear a face covering on the school yard and premises.
- Only one adult to pick up and drop off at the allocated times. It is essential that parents adhere to the strict drop off and pick up times.
- If you have siblings in school please collect at the latest pick-up time. E.g. if you have a child in Y1 & Y6 you do not have to come to school until 3.20pm. This will avoid adults and children waiting around on the yard unnecessarily.
- Once you have collected your children please leave the site promptly.
- Please do not congregate at any of the school entrances or on the school yard.
- Children are to remain with adults at all times. Please do not allow your children to play on the outdoor equipment.
- Please remember when queuing inside and outside school to maintain the 2m social distance rule.

Academisation - Bishop Chadwick Trust

In January 2020 we informed you about Bishop Robert's expectation that all catholic schools in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle join multi academy trusts. Bishop Robert has asked us to join the Bishop Chadwick Trust. The Governors have agreed to go to consultation to consider joining the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust and would value your views and any questions you may have on this. On Monday you will be given a consultation letter which gives information about academisation and the trust and a response sheet for any questions you may have.

Parent Governor

Thank you to all the candidates who stood for election for our vacant Parent Governor position, we are very grateful to you all. Mrs Sarah Bell has been re-elected to the post and we wish her well as she begins her four year term.

Annual Flu Nasal Spray

The annual flu immunisation will be administered by the school nurses on Friday 20th November. Only children whose parents returned their forms before half term will receive it.

Royal British Legion - Annual Poppy Appeal

The children have been cleaning their class poppies, these will be displayed in the School/Parish Prayer Garden leading up to Remembrance day 11th November. From Monday, staff will be at both the entrance and exit gates with a collection bucket. Any donation, however small, will be sent to the Royal British Legion at the end of next week.

Children in Need

Children in Need will be held on Friday 13th November. We are asking children to come to school wearing their PE kits for a day of fun activities. Children will undertake some of the activities from the 'Five to Thrive' BBC Children in Need website which aims to help boost physical and mental wellbeing in the classroom and at home.

Parents Evening

Due to the current regional and national situation, this term's meetings between staff and parents will take place via telephone phone calls. We will allocate ten minutes for every call and I have asked the staff to take no more than the allocated time. From Monday there will be a link on the school website and Facebook page where you will be able to book a ten minute time slot with your child's class teacher. The time slots for your child's teachers are as follows:

- **Monday 16th November**
 - Nursery - 2.00-5.00pm
 - YR - 2.30-5.30pm
 - Y2 - 2.30-5.30pm
 - Y3 - 2.30-5.30pm
 - Y4 - 2.00-5.00pm
 - Y6 - 2.00-5.00pm
- **Tuesday 17th November**
 - Nursery - 2.00-5.00pm
 - Y1 - 2.00-5.00pm
 - Y5 - 2.30-5.30pm
- **Wednesday 18th November**
 - YR - 2.30-5.30pm
 - Y1 - 2.00-5.00pm
 - Y2 - 2.30-5.30pm
 - Y3 - 2.30-5.30pm
 - Y5 - 2.30-5.30pm
- **Thursday 19th November**
 - Y4 - 2.00-5.00pm
 - Y6 - 2.00-5.00pm

The phone call you receive will be from the school number 0191 4552862 or a number with "No Caller ID." I appreciate that some people will be signing up for times around school pick up time. If you are signing up for a time around this time (between 3-4pm) could you ensure that you are contactable.

The parental consultations will give you a chance to update us on how your children are settling into school and our new routines, as well as for us to let you know of their successes and the things they are working on so far. I appreciate that typically we look forward to letting you see the children's books. Unfortunately, this year, this can't happen. Hopefully, in time, this will be able to happen because it is a joy to be able to see the wonderful work your children produce each day. I call into the classes each day and I am seeing a really interesting curriculum, great attitudes to work and wonderful relationships between staff and pupils.

Anti-Bullying Week, Monday 16th - Friday 20th November

We will be learning about anti-bullying and on Monday 16th November if your children wish they can wear odd socks to celebrate that we are all different.

Christmas Parties

This will obviously be very different this year. Classrooms will have individual class parties and celebrations. Children can come to school for the whole day in party clothes. There will still be the usual games, music and party food.

Monday 14th December - Nursery & Reception

Tuesday 15th December - Y5 & Y6

Wednesday 16th December - Y1 & Y2

Thursday 17th December - Y3 & Y4

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 9th December

Christmas lunch will be on 9th December, if your child is usually packed lunch, please email Mrs Lee if you would like to pay for a dinner on that day.