



Barton

Junior School

12th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a lovely first week back at school, with all children settled and ready to learn. We hope you all had a good rest over half term.

Coronavirus Update

As we are now in a second national lockdown, it is important that we continue to follow the rules to keep our school community as safe as possible. Please continue to wear a mask on the school premises and keep 2 meters apart from each other. I urge you not to mix with others outside of your family bubble as this will lead to the increased spread of the virus.

If any members of your family have symptoms, they must seek a test and the family must isolate until a negative test is achieved. If the result is positive, the whole family must isolate.

Children should not be meeting up outside of school or visiting each other's houses under the restrictions. We advise that children walking home from school go straight home.

If you are unsure about what to do in any circumstances, please contact us either via telephone or email and we will do our best to advise you.

Thank you for your continued co-operation in this matter.

Term 2 Diary Dates

This term is one that is usually filled with dates for the festive period. Due to the Pandemic, we will not be able to have parents and children in one place for our carol service, and we must maintain our bubbles in all that we do.

That said, I still have every intention of making the Christmas term special for the children and trying to involve families as much as possible.

Due to the Pandemic, we will not be holding our Christmas Market, however we will still be holding our Hamper Raffle. We will hold two non-uniform days in return for donations to the hampers and raffle tickets will be sent home to purchase.

I will inform you of further plans in due course, but here are some useful dates for you.

Friday 13 Nov – Children in Need Day - Children are invited to wear something spotty to school for a small donation to Children in Need.

Monday, 16th November - Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week - Children are invited to wear odd socks on this day. (A donation can be made but there is no expectation of a donation in these current times.)

Tuesday 17th November – Flu vaccinations in School. - Vaccinations will be administered to the children whose parents consented.

Friday 27th November – Non-Uniform Day

Non-school uniform day in return for a donation of biscuits, sweets or chocolate for our Christmas hampers.

Friday 4th December – Non-Uniform Day

Non-school uniform in return for a donation of bottles or toiletries for our Christmas hampers.

Free School Meals

Following on from the decision for the Local Authority to provide vouchers for children over October half term, it was announced that provision would be made for families until the end of the summer 2021.

This is very welcome news for families, and I would urge you to apply for Free School Meals for your child if your circumstances have changed.

We are not aware how parents will gain access to support at the moment but as soon as we have news, we will share it with you.

To apply for Free School meals please visit – <https://www.kent.gov.uk/> and go to the school meals section.

If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

As ever, we do all we can to keep your children and the whole school community safe and well. I would like to thank you all for supporting us through this difficult time and to remind you that we are here for you all.

Please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone or on barton@barton.dfamat.com .

Best Wishes

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Headteacher