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## NEWSLETTER 02 - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all of you who keep your 2m distance, encourage your child to walk next to you, wash hands etc, this is all helping to keep your children and the staff as safe as possible. We have been asked as schools to remind you to remember Hands Face Space at all times and particularly to keep your distance after you have dropped off your child with us. Public Health England are telling schools that adult to adult transmission is highest. Please be careful and keep our community safe.

I am pleased with how the "soft start and finish" are working and I think this reduces the number of people but doesn't drag out the start of school too much. I am very grateful that the vast majority of you are always on time but I do need to mention that if your child arrives in class after 8.50am they will be marked as late. We want all the children to get off to a speedy start with morning lessons so would appreciate it if everyone could be here before 8.50am.

### PARENTS EVENING

As most of you are already aware we are going to do Parents Evening by telephone this year. You should have now received a date and time from your child's class teacher, if for any reason this date and time isn't suitable please e-mail the class teacher, e-mails as follows:-

Rowan - [rowan@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk](mailto:rowan@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk)

Willow - [willow@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk](mailto:willow@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk)

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### MACMILLAN/SPONSORED FANCY DRESS FUN RUN - FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

As most of you know we would normally host a Macmillan Coffee Event, however this year we won't be able to do this. We missed our annual sponsored fundraising event in May and therefore we have decided to combine these two events with a sponsored fancy dress fun run. Unfortunately due to Covid we will not be able to invite parents to this event. We will make sure that we tweet lots of photos - do follow us on Twitter @Hallcroft1971. Sponsor forms will be sent out week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> September. We will split the sponsor money 20% for Macmillan and 80% for school.

### HOME LEARNING

We are in the process of finalising plans to provide home learning activities which will be manageable for families, support children's learning and meet the Department for Education expectations. We have individual packs of work which children who need to self-isolate will now be able to bring home or have

delivered, and are working on plans to finalise on-line teaching via websites like Oak Academy to support children if a bubble/class need to isolate. We will send home more details soon.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

If it is your child's birthday and you wish to bring sweets/cakes (shop bought only please) into school, please let the class teacher have these 72 hours before your child's birthday so that they are safe to send home.

### **HARVEST FESTIVALS**

We would clearly like to have harvest festival assemblies but DFE continues to advise us not to have parents inside school. We would encourage you to donate to the local foodbank via Morrisons and we will do our best to share some harvest songs with you as part of our farm topic based learning.

### **AUTUMN TERM CLUBS - AFTER HALF TERM**

Please contact the office if you would like your child to take part in any of the clubs below. All clubs will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

<b>Club</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Open to:</b>	<b>Availability</b>
Sports Club	Wednesday (starting 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	£3.00	3:20-4:30 pm	<b>Year 1</b>	30 spaces
Doncaster Rovers - Football	Thursday (starting 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	Free	3:20-4:30 pm	<b>Year 2</b>	25 spaces

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**



If your child is attending a club please ensure you tell the office that your child will be attending, this maintains safeguarding procedures in school. **For Sports Club & Doncaster Rovers Football - you must send your child with a separate sports kit and trainers.**

### **RAFFLE PRIZES**

We are already planning Christmas!!! Although we won't be able to hold a Christmas Fair this year we will still run a raffle. The draw for this will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Raffle tickets will be sent out week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> November. If you know of any businesses that would be willing to donate raffle prizes we would be extremely grateful for all prizes.

### **DIARY DATES**

Week beg 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening by telephone
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Macmillan/Sponsored Fancy Dress Fun Run
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunita Patel in school - African Dance Day
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Partake Theatre Group in school - Great Fire of London (Year 1 and 2)
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Raffle Draw

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to email me or the class teachers.

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Head Teacher