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### NEWSLETTER 03 - 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back!! It was lovely to see so many smiling faces at the gate this morning and makes the difficulties of the current situation worthwhile.

As you know we will enter a lockdown phase from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November onwards. At the moment I am not aware of any need to change procedures we have in place at school but if I receive updated guidance from the Department for Education I will be in touch.

It is clear from the data that cases locally have increased and therefore I would like to remind everybody to follow the advice - keep 2m apart, sanitise your hands and follow our one way system. You and the children are brilliant at doing these things and in this way we are all doing our bit to keep our school community as safe as possible.

#### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

*Did you know - just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money to support your child and your child gets free milk, free trips and free school uniform.*

You can register for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:-

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Income-based and Contributions-based JSA and ESA on an equal basis
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

If you think you might be entitled to free school meals just telephone the free school meals team on 0115 804 1237, have your National Insurance number ready and they will be able to tell you if you are entitled.

## MACMILLAN/SPONSORED FANCY DRESS FUN RUN

The children had a lovely time doing the fancy dress fun run. To date we have already raised £511. It would be greatly appreciated if all sponsor money could be returned to school by this Friday (6<sup>th</sup> November) so our donation to Macmillan can be made as soon as possible. Thank you.

## 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.

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

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Children in Need Day is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November this year. We would like all children and staff to wear something spotty (non-uniform) and pay a contribution of 50p - all contributions to go to Children in Need.



## 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.

## STAFFING

Mrs Craig has resigned as Oak Class dinner lady, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Parsons will be looking after Oak Class at lunchtimes. Sadly Mrs Fielding (Teaching Assistant) has decided to move on to pastures new and will now be registering our births, marriages and deaths. She has worked at Hallcroft since 1998 and we really do wish her all the very best for the future.

## DIARY DATES

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.

Joanne Cook  
Head Teacher