



Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers

We hope that everyone had a restful Half Term. We are now back into routine and the children are busy with various projects, and we are pleased to say, have settled in well. We have been busy flying kites, making poppy wreaths in preparation for Remembrance Day, which are being included at the Cenotaph on Felixstowe seafront. We have been continuing with our music skills – the Year 4 clarinet is coming on beautifully, and we are now starting to learn some festive songs!

Lockdown2

As we have now entered a new phase of lockdown, I would once again request on going co-operation and support from all members of the school community.

As key workers, all staff take their responsibility very seriously and appreciate the need to remain and well and keep our school remaining open. In order to look after the health and wellbeing of all our school community – staff, children and parents/**carers**, we would like to ask for your continued support as we start this new half term, and have just a gentle reminder about the following:

Please ensure that you wear a mask/face covering whilst **on school property**, not just as you are by your child's classroom area. We are aware of a very few individuals, who have made themselves known to us, that cannot wear a mask, but we would ask that EVERYONE else applies a face covering as they enter school grounds and that they **remain on** until you have left our grounds and moved away from the property.

Please ensure that you maintain social distancing and avoid gathering closely, chatting to others both on the playground and in the immediate vicinity outside of school. Once you have dropped/collected your child, please leave the school grounds immediately.

Please do not gather near the school gates – as you are aware these areas are very tight on access at the best of times, please be mindful of others needing to enter/leave school to maintain easy access at drop off and collection times. We do not wish to employ a one-way system as we are aware that this would generate more "traffic" around the school grounds. Many of our parents have more than one child to collect, and would actually cause more footfall on school grounds.

If you need to get a message to your child's teacher, have worries/concerns, can we please ask that you email them at the class email address by 8:30am to ensure that we can read them before the school day starts. **Please do not try to speak directly to staff at the beginning/end of the day.** In an emergency, a message can be sent to the school office.

Sadly at this time, we cannot engage in conversation as our aim is to get children in quickly and safely. Naturally, we are happy to speak with you, but we would ask that you email or phone to request a call back for a conversation at a time convenient to both you and school.

You may have noticed that over the half term break, our Caretaker has re-marked areas by paint and tape around class entry doors to help us all remember the 2m distancing. Can we please ask all adults to stay **behind the lines at all times** to ensure that we comply with the regulations.

Cold Weather

The cold weather has now arrived, but we still need to keep classrooms ventilated!

I would like to reassure you that the heating is on in school, but windows will need to be open slightly too to allow through ventilation as per guidance from the Local Authority and DfE and in line with our Risk Assessment.

With this in mind, I am suggesting that it may be a good idea for children to wear an additional layer (or two!) underneath their normal school clothing. Vests and T-shirts under school tops are an excellent way of helping to keep warm in the classroom.

When we can, and before the field gets too muddy, we are encouraging children to run around as much as possible at break times to help keep warm, but please remember that your child will now need a coat to be able to go outside.

Christmas

We are now beginning to look at how we can celebrate Christmas in school and share this with ourselves. Thank you to everyone for completing the Parentmail form to advise of your instructions with regards to the recording of this. More details will follow home soon.

Also, thank you to everyone who has sent in donations in favour of the Salvation Army Christmas Hampers appeal. We have begun to get a little more into the Christmas way of thinking when we look at the Christmas Cards that children have made to be included in parcels from the Salvation Army, these are lovely and will be much appreciated by the recipients.

If you would like to like to donate any items for inclusion in the hampers, such as large bar of chocolate, small selection box or in date Christmas foods, or your child would like to make a Christmas card, these can be brought into school up until 20th November.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 1 st December	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 16 th December	** Menu Change **
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner Christmas Sock Day
Friday 18 th December 2020	Last Day of Autumn Term
Saturday 19th December - Sunday 3rd January 2021 - Christmas Holidays	
Monday 4 th January 2021	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 5 th January	First Day of Spring Term
Week Commencing Monday 15th February 2021 - Half Term	
Friday 26 th March	Last Day of Spring Term
Saturday 27th March - Sunday 11th April - Easter Holidays	
Monday 12 th April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 3rd May 2021 - Bank Holiday	
Week Commencing Monday 31st May 2021 - Half Term	
Friday 16 th July	Last Day of Summer Term

