

I would like to welcome everyone back to school for the second half of the autumn term. You will be aware that the country has just entered a further 'lockdown' this week, however the government have made clear in their guidelines that school is the best place for children and we continue to remain open to everyone. However, for the safety of everyone in our school community, please do not send pupils into school if anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus **or** awaiting a test result. Thank you.

Classroom temperatures Our Covid safety risk assessment requires us to ensure that all of our classrooms are well ventilated. This is based upon government requirements. However, this is making the classrooms slightly colder than usual. For this reason, you may wish to consider sending your child into school with an additional base layer under their school jumper. If/when the weather gets colder, we will reconsider uniform and make any necessary amendments to ensure that pupils and staff keep warm. Please be assured that our school heating will be on for longer hours to ensure rooms are kept at an appropriate temperature for working and learning.

Remote learning Following the benefits of using Google classroom to set work and interact with pupils over 'lockdown', we are now using this medium for other purposes such as homework. We will also use Google classroom to ensure learning is provided during any future lockdown, bubble closures or to set work for pupils who are needing to isolate. In order to ensure this is as beneficial as possible and to allow us to plan for the future, we would be extremely grateful if you could complete a survey using survey monkey which will allow us to gain valuable feedback. Please follow this link to access the survey. Thank you.
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5H5PHJY>

PE kits A reminder that pupils should wear their PE kits on the days they have PE. This should be a dark tracksuit with a white T-shirt. No football kits or logos please. Thank you.

Prayer of the month

During this month of November, let us think about family members we may have lost.

'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.'

Pope Francis says

"Jesus challenges us to put aside all differences and, in the face of suffering, to draw near to others with no questions asked."



Shoe Box appeal

We are continuing to support the Samaritan's purse shoe box appeal this year. If you are able to pack a shoe box with small gifts to support the charity, please bring them to school between 9th -16th November. Further details can be found on the leaflet which was sent home. Thank you for your support.