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Whole school letter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are almost at the end of our first half term, it certainly has been different, however the teaching and learning that the children receive continues to be excellent and we have been very proud of how hard the children have slotted back into learning. Can I **thank you all for your patience and compliance** with how we are having to bring the children in and out of the site, it has to be done this way to keep everyone safe and in separate bubbles and your support with this has been invaluable. Thankfully, as yet, no child has tested positive in school for the virus and only one staff member who has returned fit and well.

Things have had to run differently this half term and will need to continue with this next half term too. We still need to limit the adults who are allowed to come into the building so unfortunately parents can still **not** come inside and consequently there will be no parents' afternoon. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss your child's progress please contact the school office to make an appointment.

We are still celebrating **Harvest** in school this year, although we won't be having a Harvest assembly as we would. We are still collecting donations of food for the **People's Kitchen**. We are asking for **tins** only so they can be washed before we hand them over. Any donations of tins will be kindly received and we as they are brought into school from **Wednesday 21st October**. (Please give to children to give to their class teacher. Do not bring to the office.)

During this term we also normally collect for a number of charities but because we have to do things differently we have not been able to collect as we would. We will be having one Friday in November, Children in Need day if it goes ahead, where we will have a non uniform day and ask for donations of money. More information will follow but the money collected will be divided between the following charities:

Macmillan Cancer Research, Jeans for genes, Children in Need, Poppy Appeal and Save the Children.
These charities still need our support during this difficult time.

Since March we have had to provide learning for children who have had to remain at home because of COVID19. This continues as children have to isolate because of having symptoms or a family member having symptoms or testing positive. From October 22nd it becomes law that remote learning is in place. We have to provide learning for children and **parents have to ensure their children complete work and return it to school for feedback**. We have produced a parent booklet which you will be receiving which explains what has to be done. We use class dojo to communicate with parents so please ensure you are

signed up or you will miss vital information. Also follow our social media pages or contact the school office to speak to someone. **Work must be returned** so we can ensure all children make progress at school and during periods of isolation.

We will be breaking up for half term on Friday 23rd October and children must return to school on Monday 2nd November. Children will receive their flu vaccines on Wednesday 4th November please return your consent if you haven't already even if it is a no that you do not want your child to receive it.

Thank you again for all your support, take care.

Warmest Regards

Mrs Robson (Headteacher)

