# Newsletter 9 : Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents

We made it! We have a school of very tired staff and children ready for a well-deserved break. I hope you have an opportunity to recharge in some way. We are very grateful for the vital part you have played in ensuring all our children have remained safe and Covid free. It shows how important it is do our bit and have the confidence that everybody is following the risk assessment.

You will find a colouring sheet in your child's book bag tonight. This has been provided by Brockworth Community Support Services. This is to help you mark Remembrance Day. You will be able to make a poppy and display it in the window of your home.

Sadly, we will not be able to sell poppies from school this year.

#### After School Clubs

Please be aware that after school clubs that run from 3-4pm are for our children only and the rules of the bubbles are in place.

We hire the hall on some nights to clubs and activities. These maybe open to the community. They do not follow the School Risk Assessment or our bubble rules. Instead, they have their own Risk Assessment that must comply with their official governing body. Exemptions to the rule of six rule in England still apply. Exemptions include work, education and training and children's youth clubs and organised activities. For example, dance classes for under 18s can continue as long as dance classes are following other Covid-secure quidance.

#### **Return of Hot School Dinners**

After the holiday we will be returning to hot school dinners. These will continue to be free for all children in Reception and Key Stage One but can also be ordered for Key Stage Two. Payment for KS2 children who do not qualify for a free school meal must be paid using Parent Pay in advance of booking a dinner.

The menu for Autumn 2 is attached to this newsletter. It is also on the school website for easy reference. Please note that there will be no choice of a baguette. Choices available are those stated on the menu.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will all eat together, in their bubble, in the school hall.

Year 3/4 will have their dinner delivered to their classroom. They are welcome to bring their own packed lunch if preferred.

Year 5/6 hot dinners will be eaten in the dining room at a second sitting starting at 12.45pm. Packed lunched will continue to eat in their classroom.

I hope that many of you will have had an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and the progress they are making. If not, please be assured, your teacher will be in touch with you after half term so that everybody has had this opportunity before Christmas. Please ensure you keep the appointment agreed with the teacher.

### Secondary School Preferences

Please understand that October 31st is the final day to submit your preferences for Year 6 children.

#### Forthcoming dates for your diary Key Dates - Autumn Term-2020

Monday 26th October-Friday 30th October-Half Term

Monday 2nd November-School starts

Wednesday 18th November-Individual photos

Friday 11th December - PAWS in

Monday 14th December-Reception Party

Tuesday 15th December- Year 1/2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 16th December- Year 5/6 Christmas Party

Thursday 17th December - Flu immunisations- information will be distributed when we have it.

Thursday 17th December - Year 3/4 Christmas Party

Friday 18th December- School finishes 2pm

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Plans for our Reception Nativity are underway. We promise you a very memorable occasion. We will be sharing a date and details with you after half term.



Jackson has sewn a treasure map as part of his PAWS homework. What a wonderful job you have made of your sewing.

## <u>Links for keeping Children Safe</u> <u>Online:</u>

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11 13/Need-advice/Gaming/

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\_10/stay-safe/chat/

https://www.bbc.com/ownit/about-us/own-it-app-fags

## A message from the FRIENDS:

Children will be coming home today with their Halloween goody bag! Please remember that the trail will be available between Wednesday 28th Oct - Sunday 1st Nov. Remember. Don't forget to upload your child's spooky selfie and artwork to the email address which can be found on the treasure map. Winners will be announced after half term- Good Luck!

Also, Christmas card samples with order forms are coming home today for those who completed a template. Please ensure form is correctly filled in and returned with the correct money to school by Monday 2nd November, to avoid delay in receiving your beautiful personalized Christmas cards.