

## Newsletter II: Friday 6th November 2020

### Dear Parents

I hope you all managed to enjoy half term in some way. I acknowledge that this will have been a very different experience for all of us. Remember, in this huge period of uncertainty, you are not alone. Following new Government measures introduced for the next four weeks, we are working hard at school to prioritise the need for us all to connect, rebuild and enrich the experience we can offer you and your children.

Please find attached a revised version of our Risk Assessment . This is applicable for the next four weeks and covers the period of National Lockdown (November  $S^{th}$ - December  $2^{nd}$ ).

It has been ratified by Governors and shared with the Local Authority- Health and Safety team. It will be available on our school website.



Our children come first. By following clear protective measures we can continue to celebrate success and motivate our children to learn and flourish.

Big Write begins again this term. Please prepare your children to write (or talk in Reception) about <u>'The Big Bang'</u>. This can be based on a firework experience or a maybe a made-up adventure involving a Big Bang. The choice is yours!

We are limited how we can support charities this year because to keep everyone safe we want to keep things simple. We will be marking Remembrance Day next Wednesday, 11th November, with a special assembly. We cannot offer your children poppies this year but will have donation boxes outside each classroom door if you would like to donate to this worthy cause. We will be sharing monies collected with 'Children in Need' so that we are not asking you for further contributions this month. Thank you for your support.





We appreciate and are dependent on your full cooperation to keep our children, our staff and our community safe.

Hot School Dinners - These are working well.

At 12-Reception, Year I and 2 are eating in the dining hall.

Year 3 and 4 in the Year 3 classroom.

At 12.45pm Year 5 and 6 eat hot dinner in the hall.

# A summary of the 'Need to Know' parts of the revise Risk Assessment for you, as parents and carers.

- We strongly promote and encourage all adults to wear a face mask in the playground when bringing and collecting their children from school. Staff members will also wear a facemask during these times.
- Please share the collective responsibility we all have. Only parents/carers that are willing to stand on their spot with their child will be welcome in the playground.
- There is only one adult per child allowed in the playground
- If your child forgets their PE kit/lunch box etc you must ring the school if you
  intend to drop it off. There will be a container outside the foyer of the office
  for you to place it in. A member of staff will collect it and deliver it to your
  child.
- There is strictly no access to the school foyer without prior permission.
- Please ring the school office to communicate. We will do our best to help you. Please do remember the teachers are teaching all day and cannot leave their classes to speak to you
- Breakfast and The Keep will continue to operate
- No after school clubs will run for the next four weeks.

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

Wednesday 18th November-Individual photos

Friday 11th December - PAWS in

Monday 14th December-Reception Party

Tuesday 15th December-Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 15th December- Year 1/2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 16th December- Year 5/6 Christmas Party

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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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#### Exciting new opportunity launched by the FRIENDS!

Hello all!

Please find attached the Diamond lottery draw letter. Could you please fill it in and hand it in to your teacher or to the school office.

The Friends of Castle Hill have set up an Amazon Smile account! It costs nothing to you but Amazon will donate 0.5% of purchases!

With lockdown and Christmas shopping I guess we'll all be doing a lot more Online shopping!

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1063073-0

Click here then select our charity "Friends of Castle Hill" and shop as normal!  $\stackrel{\circ}{=} \stackrel{\circ}{=} \stackrel{\circ}{=}$ (Not the Ipswich group with the same name!!!)  $\stackrel{\circ}{=} \stackrel{\circ}{=} \stackrel{\circ}{=} \stackrel{\circ}{=}$ 

Happy shopping!

Kind regards

Heidi- Chair of the FRIENDS of Castle Hill Primary School