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***Learning together. Achieving together.***

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Whilst it is undeniable that the last 8 weeks has been challenging and you are never quite sure what you are going to encounter when arriving in school, it has been really heart-warming to see the children back, settled into their new routines, learning and playing together again. The shrieks of laughter of children at play is a perfect antidote to all the doom and gloom. In recent weeks everyone has been able to see more of the reception class as they have ventured out into their own area of the big playground. They are also now coming down to the school hall for lunch with children from other classes. This has helped them feel even more part of the school. The children's safety and well-being are always at the front of our minds and we have spent a lot of time in class on a daily basis, working on social and emotional aspects of learning, including looking at ways to reduce anxiety. I have attached some links below which you may find useful.

<https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/child-in-mind/>

As you will be aware, we had our second positive test result of the term this week which has unfortunately, once again, affected our year 6 class. I know that it is not easy for the children, parents and staff to cope with sudden changes to routine. The children are currently being supported by staff with remote learning. You will also have received information about platforms such as Google Classroom and Seesaw (for Key Stage 1 children). These platforms will be used in school, for access to homework and of course, should the need arise, for supporting remote learning.

#### **E-safety links**

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and careers from the NSPCC)

#### **School Lunches**

After half term we will be starting to serve hot meals again in the school hall. You will have all received a copy of the new menu and a copy can also be found on the school website. Please remember to pre-order your child's meals before our return on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Lunchtime will continue to be staggered. The children will eat in their bubbles in the school hall, separated by screens, with cleaning taking place between each sitting.

## Parents' Evening

As per our previous communication regarding how Parent Evenings will be conducted this year, please log into the School Website or download the School Spider app to complete the form with the telephone number you wish to be contacted on for your appointment. Further details regarding how to book an appointment will be sent on our return after half term.

## Remembrance Day

As we will not be selling poppies in school this year, please remember you can still help this very worthwhile cause by donating at <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

## Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile

Just a quick reminder that when you are online shopping for presents or goodies for yourself, remember to use the Easyfundraising or Amazon Smile link. Your purchases help the PTA raise much needed funds for the school.

If you haven't already signed up or to start shopping, use the links below:

Easyfundraising	<a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wavertonpta-easyfundraising">https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wavertonpta-easyfundraising</a>
AmazonSmile	<a href="https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/homepage/ref=smi_chpf_redirect?ie=UTF8&amp;ei n=1043550-0&amp;ref_=smi_ext_ch_1043550-0_cl">https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/homepage/ref=smi_chpf_redirect?ie=UTF8&amp;ei n=1043550-0&amp;ref_=smi_ext_ch_1043550-0_cl</a>

Thanks to the PTA for very thoughtfully providing all the children with Halloween treats and messages to take home this evening.

Although we are closing for half term, if your child has been in school today and displays any Covid symptoms in the 48 hours between 3.30pm this afternoon (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>) 3.30pm Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October and subsequently tests positive the school will need to be informed. We have a duty to inform the staff and children from that particular bubble that a positive case has been confirmed as they may have been in contact with the positive case in the 48 hour period before symptoms started. A 14 day isolation period will need to be followed.

I have attached a letter from the Director of Public Health for Cheshire West and Chester, Ian Ashworth, which includes a few public health reminders for all of us over the half-term break. Messages will also be published on the Council's [Youtube channel](#) and on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

There is a lot of uncertainty about the future with talk of "circuit breakers" and Tier 3 restrictions, and many of you will have worries about the health of your family, friends and loved ones. Whatever the situation, primary schools will be the last places to close their doors to pupils. As an example, Wales are now in a national lockdown, but primary schools will remain open throughout. Younger children are believed to be at the end of transmission trains, less likely to pass on the virus and much less likely to get seriously ill. This is something we should all take comfort in.

Thank you all for your support this half-term. We look forward to seeing the children, happy, safe and well after the break.

Best wishes

*S J Talbot*  
Simon Talbot  
Head Teacher

Attachments:

Useful Resources and Information for Half Term  
Letter from the Director of Public Health  
Chester Roadworks

