



Blakesley CE Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the gloom of another government announcement and the thought of an imminent 'lockdown' seeing our excited children return to school certainly keeps a smile on all of our faces here inside Blakesley.

When watching all the pupils engaged in their learning and happy within the routines of school life it is all too easy to forget about the 'realities' of the outside world. We have updated our risk assessments and continue to urge all inside, both children and adults alike, to abide by the rules and expectations as well maintaining the highest standards of hygiene.

Social distancing

Everyone has a responsibility to ensure social distancing rules are observed outside the school gates. Please be considerate and mindful when dropping off and collecting children to and from school. Only one adult per family should be accompanying children. Maintain social distancing at all times. Avoid gathering for a chat with groups of friends. Where possible avoid queueing for any length of time by remaining in cars until the last moment. Again the use of face masks is being asked. The guidance, at present, states that face masks are not necessary outside if people adhere to the 'social distancing' measures correctly.

Hot meals

Please ensure all meals for your children are booked in advance. An unusually high number of requests were made today without orders being placed in the correct manner.

PE Days

Day PE kit is needed	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class	Class 4 Y5Y6	Class 4 Y5Y6 Class 1 EYFS	Class 3 Y3Y4	Class 2 Y2 Class 1 Y1	Class 2 Y2 Class 3 Y3Y4

Please remember on the days your child has PE they may still attend school in their PE kit. Where necessary tracksuits and hoodies may be worn. But please be mindful of school colours, as well as what is safe and what is appropriate for physical activity.

Keeping warm

In the recent guidance to schools, there is now even more importance placed on maintaining well ventilated classrooms. Despite colder temperatures outside, classroom doors and windows need to be kept open. To keep your child warm, base layers may be worn under school uniform or PE kit. When outside at lunchtime or playtime, a warm winter coat is now required.

Hotshots

Hotshots club will continue as normal on Friday. The club runs from 3.15pm to 4pm. Any child attending is able to wear PE kit to school on the day of the club.

Curriculum Overviews

Curriculum Overviews for the Term ahead will be distributed shortly so that you are able to see the areas of learning for your children in each of their classrooms. These will be sent to you electronically.

Remembrance service

Unfortunately, COVID restrictions mean we will be unable to hold our Remembrance service as usual outside the school. However, Class 4 will conduct their own special service at the front of the school and a minute's silence will be held throughout the school for all pupils. Sadly, we cannot invite parents or relatives to attend.

All pupils will make their own poppies and be able to 'plant' them on the grass at some point during the morning under the guidance of their class teacher.

Poppies are now on sale, so if your child would like to make a donation to the British Legion please send money with your child into school. There is also a selection of bands (£1), zip pulls or reflectors (50p) and snap bands (£1.50) available. These particular items will be limited to 1 item per child.

A Covid Reminder

Please note the main symptoms of coronavirus are a high temperature, a new or continuous cough and/or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

A period of isolation will be necessary if

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus
- you've tested positive for coronavirus
- you live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive
- you are told by NHS Test and Trace that you have been in contact with a person with coronavirus

Remember the slogan "Hands. Face. Space" too.

Future Dates

A list of dates for the School Calendar will be issued very shortly.

If there are aspects of the newsletter that you would like to discuss or if you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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