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Dear Parents and Carers,

Odd Socks Day

Odd Socks day is an event that encourages people to express themselves, celebrate individuality and to consider what makes all of us unique. As part of anti-bullying week, we thought we would show our support for such a campaign. It was rather bright, cheerful and yet humorous to see the children arrive at school today wearing such an assortment of odd socks. Thank you to all of you who made an effort to show how 'odd' (unique) you really are.

Children In Need

Last week's collection for Children in Need raised an amazing total of £200.03. For such a small school that is an incredible amount. Thank you all for your generosity.

Our Values Through Books



Over the holiday period pupils were asked to find a suitable book that demonstrated one or more of our school values of Courage, Compassion, Fellowship, Thankfulness or Wisdom. Thank you for all of your suggestions. Some of the recommendations are on show in the main entrance. Please continue to keep offering further possibilities as the display will be updated in the future.

School photographs

School photographs will be taken on Monday morning. Unfortunately, all photographs taken will only be of individuals. Due to the current situation, having to adhere to social distancing measures, photographs of complete classes, groups of friends or sibling groups are not being taken this time.

Cross country

Before half term all pupils Y2 – Y6 participated in an inter school Cross country competition organised by Sponne School. Five local primary schools entered. Within each year group, in each school, all pupils took part. Our highest placed runners from each year group (boys and girls separately) produced some very impressive final placed positions overall, when compared against all the other pupils in their year groups from other schools. (see grid below)

Well done to all of our children. They all gave their best. It was wonderful to see and hear plenty of words of encouragement given to each other.

Year group	Boys	Overall position	Girls	Overall position
6	Sonny Briggs McKellar	3rd	Elise Rawden	3rd
5	Noah Johnson	3rd	Hermione Peters	3rd
4	Monty Knight	3rd	Jessica Elliot	2nd
3	William Danbury	3rd	Polly Graves	3rd
2	Oscar Barrett	4th	Katelyn Dyer	3rd

School Christmas Dinner

The date for the School Christmas dinner has been set as Wednesday 16th December. Sadly, the dinner will have to be held as two separate sittings to ensure 'bubbles' are kept apart. Proposed timings for each sitting are KS1 12pm and KS2 12.50pm. Timings may change. To avoid disappointment please ensure bookings are made via the usual means.

Social distancing

Everyone continues to have a responsibility to ensure social distancing rules are observed outside the school gates. Please continue to be considerate and mindful when dropping off and collecting children to and from school. Ensure only **one** adult per family is 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.

Please ensure that any person asked to isolate abides by the rules or expectations and stays away from school and mixing with others. Where families are finding it difficult to drop off/collect siblings please make contact with the school so that arrangements can be made to enable this to happen safely.

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". The importance of regular handwashing cannot be stressed enough.

Future Dates

- School photographs – Monday 23rd November
- Christmas Jumper day – Friday 11th December
- Christmas Dinner- Wednesday 16th December

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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