



Newsletter

October 2020



We have reached the half term!

We have all worked incredibly hard to ensure everyone's safety, whilst ensuring that the children are able to have the best learning we can give them. Hopefully, you have found the measures we have put in place have worked well for your child and for you as parents.

The children have been amazing in quickly adapting to new routines.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support for your child and the school. It makes a big difference.

Next half term, we will need to continue with all the measures currently in place.

A couple of changes from 2 November

After school clubs Any after school clubs that run, will be with children in the same Bubble, and with teachers/ coaches they have had in class during the day.

We are making a change to school meals - see below.

Cherry Class - Please can parents drop off at the main gate. A member of Cherry class staff will greet them, and guide them to Miss Phillpot, who will continue to wait by the wooden gate.

**We hope you enjoy the half term, and we will see you on 2 November.
Keep safe and well.**

School Lunches

From 2 November, we will be able to offer a hot meal option each day to our Cherry and Willow children.

We will continue with 'Fish and Chips Friday' for all children, as this has been popular with our older children too. The packed lunch option for all children will continue to be available.

Please order for the week on Mondays.



To find out if you qualify for Free School Meals, please read and send the form which you will find on our school website (see Our School, then Lunches) This applies even if your child is in Cherry and Willow class and has free meals in the universal scheme.

Tuck shop

After half term, we are re- starting 'tuck' healthy mid- morning snack breaks for Rowan and Oak pupils. Please use Parent Pay and click on the 'Snacks' option. Children may continue to bring a piece of fruit/ veg from home instead (please no other snacks) if preferred.

Important note:

Do not send nut products such as peanut butter or chocolate hazelnut spread in children's packed lunches.

Colder weather

As part of our Covid measures to minimise risk, we need to keep the school well ventilated. This means leaving doors (when possible) and windows open to enable the air to be refreshed.

Make sure your child is suitably dressed to help them keep warm in class- Layering up is good!

We will continue to go outside for PE and other activities as long as we are able- this will include being out when it is cold.

Outdoors A pair of wellies or old outdoor shoes in a carrier bag would also be ideal, so that children can still play on the field. These would be kept in school during term time.

Keeping our school open

The Government is seeking to keep schools open as a priority. We know that many of you rely on school to stay open, including those of you who are working - so if we can all follow the Government guidelines, we have a better chance of staying open ...

HANDS, FACE, SPACE is the current message for all of us.

Covid Measures: It is important everyone follows all the measures we have put in place to minimise the coronavirus risk and keep our community as safe as we can.

Drop off/ Pick up

One parent/ carer only.

Leave straight away, keeping walkways and paths clear.

Do not drop off/ collect in the area of yellow Zig - Zags. This must be kept clear for everyone's safety. Avoid using the area for turning as much as possible please.

Backpacks/ Rucksacks No backpacks/ rucksacks please. Your child should only bring their coat, water bottle, book bag (on days requested) and packed lunch (if bringing own).

Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent consultation information has been sent to you. These are taking place by phone appointment. Please ensure you book an appointment slot. Your child's class teacher will talk to you about how they have settled into the new school year, and how you can support, with an opportunity to ask questions about your child's learning.

Collective Worship Themes

We focus on a different Christian Value each term across the school in Collective Worship, in class and throughout the school. Next half term it is **Compassion**.

Whole School Collective worship, and worship led by the Reverend will be held remotely, with Bubbles watching in their classes.



Can you help?

Cherry class topic is 'People Who Help Us'

Do you know of a police officer, fire service member, paramedic, vet or similar who may be able to help.

Please ask them to get in touch with the office to find out more, if they might be available.

Macmillan Cancer Care- Thank you, we raised £164 in donations!

Harvest Gifts- Children have put their harvest gifts into the 'Barrow'. Members of St Margaret's church have collected these and taken them to the Dereham Food Bank.

Thank you all for your generosity!