

Usually at the end of a half-term we send out a newsletter, but sadly we haven't really got much to share in terms of the usual mix of visitors, events and extra-curricular activities. The children have been amazing this half term. They have adapted so well to the new arrangements, and shown an excellent attitude to work. Teachers are enjoying being back in the classroom and have reported excellent focus in class and pupils quickly catching up with any lost learning.

As you know there will be a new national lockdown imposed from Thursday 5th November. We have not yet received any new guidance but it has been made clear that schools will remain open as usual. We will continue to amend our risk assessment with any changes to government guidance. We must reiterate that any time pupils are at home self-isolating, it is the expectation that they continue to complete the remote learning school work provided.

Social distancing

It is more important than ever that adults wear a face mask when on the school site and that parents follow the rules including only one parent per household to drop off and collect children. We have noticed that parents are not always following the 2m social distancing rule when they collect children at the end of the school day. With this in mind we are adjusting the collection times from Monday 9 November.

Year 3 and 4 to be collected at 3.00pm

Year 5 and 6 to be collected at 3.15pm

In order to stop parents of year 3 and year 4 pupils waiting on the playground for older siblings, **older children will be able to leave with their year 3 and 4 siblings at 3.00pm.**

We do appreciate that some parents may have to collect younger siblings from Grange Infant school and may be slightly delayed.

If children are walking home alone, they will not be released from school until 3.15pm.

It is really important that parents are not standing around on the playground for any longer than is necessary, so please arrive no more than 5 minutes before your allocated pick up time.

Harvest – A huge thank you

We were overwhelmed by your generous donations to the Church of the Good Shepherd larder. Your contributions will make a real difference to local families.



Keeping fit and healthy

Children are going outside as much as possible, although as the winter weather is drawing in this may reduce. Children are still walking the daily mile and playing outside at break and lunchtimes in their class bubbles. PE will continue to take place outside as long as it is not raining, so children may need to ensure they are wearing warmer jogging bottoms and fleeces rather than shorts and school jumpers.

School meals

Please note that there has been a price increase and school dinners will cost £2.50 with effect from Tuesday 3rd November. Payment for school meals must be made prior to your child ordering lunch.



Christmas lunch

Christmas lunch will be on 16th December for year 3 and 5 and 17th December for year 4 and 6. Those children who have not booked a lunch will need to bring a packed lunch to school as normal. Children may wish to wear their Christmas hats, antlers or Christmas jumpers that day.