

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents

## Covid-19 – Important Reminders

The NHS defines the main symptoms of coronavirus as:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you, your child, or anyone in your household has any of the above symptoms, you must stay at home and book a coronavirus test. Please do not unnecessarily put staff and other children at risk and please support the school in trying to keep the school community as safe as possible. It is vitally important that you inform us if your child has had a test for covid-19. Your child must not come to school while they wait for their test result.

Social distancing – we are working tirelessly in school to make sure that class bubbles don't mix. Please help to support the school by ensuring that you 2m social distance from other families on the playground and as you walk to and from school. Parents are welcome to wear face masks on the playground as they drop off and pick up their children.

## Shepherd Primary School Blog

Don't forget to check our School Blog this week

([www.shepherdprimaryschool.edublogs.org](http://www.shepherdprimaryschool.edublogs.org)) where you'll find Blog entries from me, alongside class posts.



## The Week Gone By...

### All back together!

It was so lovely on Thursday and Friday to have all classes back at school together, for the first time since 16<sup>th</sup> September!

Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 and Year 4 Romney parents for supporting their children's home learning so well when their bubble was self-isolating.

We worked hard to put together a plan for home learning when a class is self-isolating and I would very much appreciate feedback from Year 4 Romney and Year 6 parents, on their experiences. So on Monday I will be ParentMailing a short online survey, to gather your feedback. Thank you in advance for taking a few minutes to complete it.



### Goodbye Mrs L Hunt

On Tuesday we sadly said goodbye to Mrs L Hunt. We have really enjoyed having Mrs Hunt as part of our school team and will miss her cheerfulness and willingness to always help out. I presented her with a very special card which all the children helped to make, along with some beautiful flowers from us all. We wish Mrs Hunt the very best of luck for the future.

## **Next Week...**

### **Flu Nasal Spray**

Next Friday the School Health Team will be visiting Shepherd to deliver the flu nasal spray to those children whose parents returned the permission slip to school. We are aware that the NHS have been sending letters to parents regarding the flu nasal spray – your child does not need to bring this letter into school next Friday, as the permission slip that you have already completed is all that School Health need.

### **New School Hoodie**

A reminder that if you would like to order a school hoodie for your child to wear on top of their normal school uniform, to help keep them warm during the colder weather, then orders must be placed by 10am on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Please order by paying £15 on School Gateway and indicating in the message section what size you would like to order (age 3-4 years; 5-6 years; 7-8 years; 9-11 years or 12-13 years).

Parents of children in receipt of Pupil premium have received a separate email with a link for ordering a hoodie free of charge.



Please remember that children are not permitted to wear their own jumpers to school.

### **Christmas Cards**



A reminder that if you want to order items with your child's Christmas Card design, please complete the order form on the reverse of your child's Christmas Card design and make payment via School Gateway. All order forms with payment must be returned by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

### **School Dinners**

Next week, children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 can order hot or cold meals. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 can only order cold meals.

Please note that all wraps, baguettes and rolls are cold options. The new menu is on School Grid and is also available on our school website. Please make sure that you order from the right set of hot or cold choices – if by mistake you order a hot meal in a week that your child is having cold school lunches, then their order will be swapped to a cold lunch and may not be something that your child would choose.

## **General Information...**

### **Halloween Spooky Mufti Day!!**

We are aware that many families won't be participating in the normal Halloween celebration this year, due to social distancing guidelines and restrictions on the number of people that can gather together inside at any given time. So to celebrate the end of our first half term back at school, we are inviting the children to all wear spooky Halloween themed fancy dress to school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Children can wear any kind of spooky fancy dress to school in exchange for a voluntary donation of £2. All the money raised will be put towards new books that we are investing in for our school library and whole class sets of books for classes to read. Alternatively, parents may wish to donate a book straight to school via our Amazon Wish List: <https://amzn.eu/boriYd0> We have been overwhelmed by the huge number of parents that have chosen to do this. Thank you!



## Celebration Assembly



Mrs Freuchen and I are really enjoying visiting each class to do Celebration Assemblies each Friday – I am continuing to award a Headteacher's Award to a child in each class and to award a prize to a child who has earned a Role Model Raffle ticket that week. I am also continuing to post home Star of the Week postcards each week. It has also been lovely to share in some of the children's out of school achievements – ballet exams, taekwondo belt gradings and children that have earned Blue Peter badges! If your child does have a special achievement that they would like to share with me as part of our Celebration Assembly, please do email me at: [emergency@shepherd.herts.sch.uk](mailto:emergency@shepherd.herts.sch.uk)

## Parking Outside School



I am receiving an increasing number of complaints from local residents and parents regarding the parking outside school. On Thursday morning the parking was particularly bad - I was astonished to see parents had parked on the kerb and on double yellow lines. Please park considerately, so that families are able to walk safely along pavements, so that local residents are not blocked in their driveways, and so that you are following the law. Thank you.

## Outdoor Shoes

Please make sure that your child has a spare pair of shoes in a plastic bag, in school - the shoes can be left in school, in the plastic bag, hanging on your child's peg. The spare pair of shoes are to wear on the field and can either be an old pair of trainers or a pair of wellington boots. If you don't have a spare pair of shoes for your child to wear outside, then please send them to school with a spare pair of indoor shoes to wear in school - plimsolls for example.



## Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the wellbeing of a young person or child you are able to make an anonymous referral through Hertfordshire County Council, by calling **0300 123 4043** and selecting option 1.

Yours sincerely

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