



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Opening thoughts

Ensuring all of our children are given the opportunity to fulfil and exceed potential is the only way to go. I believe we need to promote individualised approaches to every aspect of life and learning. For our children to learn I firmly believe they must take risks, they must experience mistakes and by getting it wrong, they will eventually get it right. Based on this I often advocate the use of the word 'yet'. I can't do it yet.

I raise these points as we move towards the time in the school year when we start to look at our first round of assessments for our children. For some children these assessments will present an opportunity to flourish and for some it will be more challenging. This is when I refer to my earlier comments around the use of the word 'yet'. We will guide, support and mentor our children through all of this process so that everyone has a chance to succeed and so that the process is able to be viewed in a positive way for all.

Sickness and absence

If your child has a stomach bug, sickness and/or diarrhoea, then they should remain off school until 48 hours after the last 'bout' to help prevent the spread of infection. However, if your child has an isolated incident of vomiting or has suffered from travel sickness, then they should remain at home before returning to school the next day, but only if they are well enough.

In making this decision, we ask parents to consider the other children and staff, as we try to combat the spread of infection that can travel quickly through the school.

Remembrance Service

Thank you to all of our community for supporting our recent Remembrance Service. Our children had a wonderful opportunity to listen to serving and former military personnel in the morning and it was so inspiring to hear their stories, whilst respecting the importance of Remembrance Day. The day was concluded with a service at the memorial on the village green. The service was wonderfully led by St Mary's Church with the children taking a lead role in delivering various poems and readings.

The day was another opportunity for us all to come together and be part of something special and on behalf of everyone here at our school, thank you for being part of this. The children really did experience something special and we are hoping that this is just the start of things to come and this will continue next year.

Reception – Year 6 Parents Evening Appointments

Thank you to all who have taken the time to reply and book appointments. We have seen a brilliant response to this and this will further support all of the children to flourish. Reply slips have gone home today (16/11/2021) and this will state your allocated time and date. If there are any issues or concerns, do not hesitate to talk to your child's teacher in the first instance because they will be able to support with this.

Children in Need

This Friday (19th) will be Children in Need day across the entire country. To raise money for this charity we are offering our children an opportunity to come to school in their own clothes and alongside this we are asking for a £1.00 donation which will all go to charity. We understand that for some children and families this may not be possible and we will be entirely supportive of this and your choices around school uniform on this day will be fully respected.

Kind Regards

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