



"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone."

Pope Francis

Dear parents/ carers

Thank you to you all for your understanding on the COVID outbreak we have had at school. We seem to be getting back to a more normal state now and will soon be back up to full strength staffing and soon have most children back. I would especially like to thank you all for testing your children – I know how hard that can be for primary aged children. Please continue to try to regularly.

Dates: We are still finalising the dates for the rest of the school year. When we have planned these dates, we have tried to make sure that as many as we can are later in the year in the hope that, by that point, it will be safer for parents to attend and share them with your children.

We have set our final INSET for the year as Friday 8th April. On this day, school will be shut for pupils.

Our environment: I was asked by Mrs Walsh's class to pop into their lesson last week as they were learning about reducing plastic waste. They have asked me to ask all parents to make sure that water bottles sent into school are not single use plastic bottles but re-usable ones. They are going to look at the bottles around school next week and let me know how well we are doing!

Safer Internet Day: Tomorrow – 8th February – is Safer Internet Day. All the children will be watching an online Assembly based on this year's theme which is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'

Miss Coxhead: Miss Coxhead is visiting school next Tuesday for the day to spend some time with the children – ready to start after half term – and to spend some time with Mrs Walsh. I'm sure she will be outside at the end of the day for you to come over to say a short 'hello'!



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Uniform: Remember – if you have any school logo'd uniform at home that is no longer needed and that has enough life to be passed on to another family, please donate this to school and we will soon set up a uniform exchange.

Reminders: If you have any questions or queries about your child – please communicate these to their class teacher in the first instance – this is easiest via Dojo, but if you need a conversation, drop them a message to arrange this.

Please make sure you drive with care and with low speeds when you are dropping your children off at the start of the day/ collecting at the end of the day.

Start of the day: Children can arrive from 8:35 – register is taken at 8:55

End of the day: EYFS/ KS1 3:10 and KS2 3:20. If you have children at both times, please make sure you arrive on time for your EYFS/ KS1 child.

Final day of this half term: Friday 18th February

Children back to school: Tuesday 1st March

God bless

Mr Lobb