



Lydiard Millicent CE Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a very good half term break and we welcome you all back to Term 2.

As you know, the national picture has changed once again. We are committed to ensuring that the education your child receives is the best possible under the current circumstances and we are ever mindful of the challenges we all face on a daily basis. That said, the term has got off to a great start and we are so proud of the children and the way in which they are enthusiastic and eager to continue their learning journey. Peripatetic music lessons have begun, communications with care homes are underway and this week the Key Stage 1 and EYFS parent consultations via phone call have taken place. We would also like to thank families for their contributions to support the Poppy Appeal.

Before half term, Jez Piper, the CEO of DBAT visited Lydiard. He commented on how calm the school was, how focussed the children were and how staff had done an amazing job in setting up the environment under COVID restrictions with learning being purposeful and right for our community.

Road Closure:

As you will have noticed the road closure that we mentioned in previous communication is not currently in place. We will update you when we know more on this matter.

Protective Measures Update

As you know, when we fully reopened to all children in September, we put a number of protective measures in place. These continue to apply and should you have any questions about how we are keeping our children and staff as safe as possible, please ensure you have read the guidance shared on our Autumn Term 2020 page of the school website. In addition to these measures, in light of national changes, we are also implementing the following:

- We are asking that parents/carers wear a face mask/covering when on the school premises.
- All visitors to the school must wear a face mask/covering when entering the building and in communal areas.

We would also like to remind families that:

- Only one adult per family should be accessing the school site for drop-off and pick-ups and that the social distancing markers must be used.
- Parents and pupils accessing Years 1 – 6 at pick up and drop off must walk around the EYFS socially distanced queue waiting at their gated entrance and refrain from walking through this queue.
- Conversations should not be taking place on the door between parents and teachers.
- The School Office is closed. Messages must be passed on via telephone or email.
- Children should bring everything they need to school to reduce the need for parents to bring items to the office during the school day.

We will continue to keep things as calm and 'normal' as possible for the children. We remain very grateful for the support we are receiving from you all as we work together with the shared aim of keeping our school family as safe as possible.

Reminders

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November – KS2 parents' evenings via phone call

Friday 13th November - we are supporting Children in Need. Pupils can wear something colourful or spotty for a donation. Children in Need are asking for everyone to go cashless this year so if you can, please donate online

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cin2020-3052089?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=cin2020-3052089&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=9f73fcd5e62a4c37b9ce179f5b75762e.

Shoe Box Appeal Update

National Collection week has been moved to after lockdown and the deadline to get shoeboxes to the church is now the morning of **Sunday 6th December**. Remember the church will be open for private prayer on Wednesday mornings between 10am -12pm throughout lockdown so boxes can be dropped off there or Mrs Benn can be contacted for another arrangement.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs C Luce & Mrs J dos Santos

Principal & Head of School