



Newsletter 4

22nd October 2020

This term's core value: Respect

Dear Parents and Carers

We are nearly at the end of the half term and we have all managed to survive the many pieces of guidance, systems and protocols that we have had to endure. I am sorry that there has been so much information to take in but, despite all this, we are all very glad to have the children back in school, I'm sure you are too! Thank you for adjusting and being patient in these ever changing times.

'Absolutely Artastic'

Thank you to everyone who sent in videos for our specialist week. The children have had a fantastic creative week and we definitely have some budding artists in our midst. Thank you to Mrs Gilbert Scott for organising such a fantastic week.

Christmas card orders

Thank you for returning your child's artwork with your details to school. These will be sent off to *Xmas4schools* by the PTA. You will then receive a text or email with your personal order code so that you can log in to *Xmas4schools*, place your order and make payment.

Photograph orders

Remember to order your photographs via the online platform by Monday 2nd November. Prints will be delivered by the end of November.

Poppies

Poppies will be sold in each class bubble the week after half term. Children can bring in a small donation to buy a poppy in the week commencing Monday 2nd November.

Virtual tour and Open Days for September 2021 school entry

Our virtual tour video for prospective parents and carers will be on the website after half term. You can request to join our Virtual Open Days for a presentation and question & answer session via Teams by sending an email to the school office. These are on Wednesday 4th November at 9:30am and Tuesday 17th November at 1:30pm. Please see our website or the attached flyer for more information.

Flu Vaccination

The school nursing team will be in school to deliver the flu vaccination to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Friday 13th November. An information letter with a link to the online consent form, a



Public Health England leaflet and information about immunising during the Covid-19 Pandemic have been emailed to all parents and carers.

Children in Need

We will still be wearing pyjamas this year for children in need on Friday 13th November in return for a suggested donation of £1.00 towards Children In Need. No need to get your children dressed that morning! Please make sure your child's pyjamas or leisure wear are practical and warm for an active day at school. Children who have PE on that day can wear their pyjamas instead of their PE kit.

PTA odd sock day

As we know, it is a little tricky at the moment to have the fun events that our PTA normally organise, however, they are still hoping to fundraise as much as possible. We are planning to have an 'odd socks day' on Friday 20th November. Donations will be able to be made to the PTA via ParentPay. More details to follow.

Happy Hedgehogs

With latest guidance issued to keep 'bubbles' as discreet as possible, we are keeping our current systems in place. If you do wish to sign up for the hour of childcare after your child's class bubble finishes please email happyhedgehogs@haddenham-st-marys.bucks.sch.uk. As with everything, this is under constant review.

And finally, I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Best wishes



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