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Friday 11th September 2020.

Dear Parents,

At the end of the first week of the new academic year I wanted to praise how well the children have adapted and responded to life back in school. Although some children have been away from school for almost 6 months, the positivity and resilience they have brought back to school has been remarkable. This includes the children new to school in our Foundation Stage who have just started their learning journey with us!

I'd like to thank parents too for adhering to the risk assessment, using the correct entrances, taking advantage of extended drop-off and collection times and for dispersing from the school grounds efficiently. The staff have ensured that children continue to regularly wash their hands and that children 'catch it, bin it, kill it' following coughs and sneezes. Staff are also following the logging of cleaning and wiping surfaces.

Drop-off and collection

Drop-off and collection logistics put in place this week will continue until further notice. Thank you for following the procedures.

Cancellation and postponement of events in response to Covid-19

Due to the ongoing risk of Covid-19 we have had to postpone or cancel a number of events which were planned for the Autumn 1st half-term, the events below have all been postponed / cancelled until further notice; see below:

- Year 4 class 10 swimming: postponed until at least Autumn 2nd half-term for year 4 pupils.
- Individual Photograph Day by Phototronics (16.09.20): cancelled.
- Y5 Information evening Nell Bank residential trip (17.09.20): postponed.
- Y6 Information evening High Adventure residential trip (23.09.20): postponed.
- EY coffee, cake and reading session with parents (22.09.20 / 24.09.20): postponed.
- Harvest festival / Macmillan coffee morning (25.09.20): cancelled to visitors.
- Book Fair (06.10.20 – 12.10.20): cancelled.

Rearranged residential educational visits and information evenings.

Year 5 Nell Bank now 12th – 14th July 2021. Information evening Wednesday 26th May 2021 at 6pm (£95)

Year 6 High Adventure now 20th – 22nd January 2021. Information evening Wednesday 4th November at 6pm (£132).

Payments can be made via **ParentPay only** for the Year 6 trip from Monday 14th September to allow for a longer payment period. Payments for the Year 5 trip will be arranged nearer the time.

Parents' evening

We are looking at ways to facilitate a 'parents' evening' in October as timetabled, however it certainly won't be possible to run the evening in the usual manner. I will update parents on any alternative arrangements as soon as possible.



Hands, Face, Space campaign

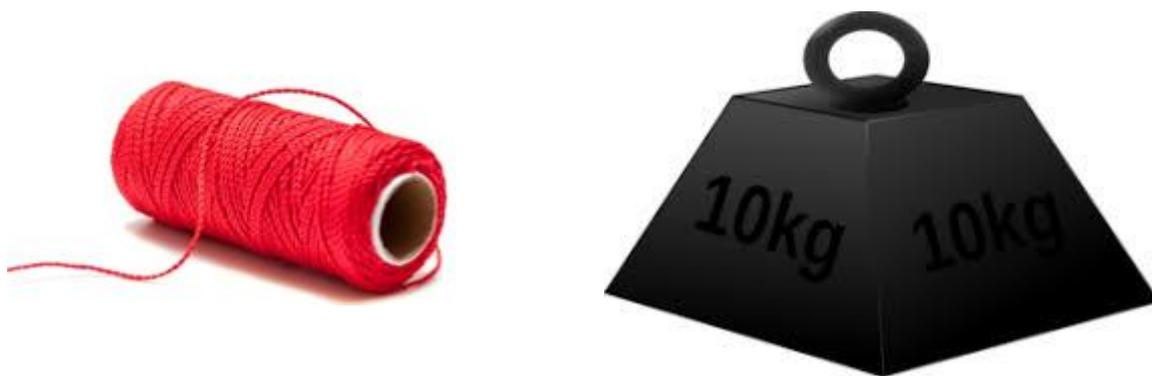
A new public information campaign has been launched ahead of winter to highlight how everyone can help to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The Prime Minister has launched the '[Hands, Face, Space](#)' campaign urging the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an easy virus to kill when it is on skin. It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. In school we continue to ensure that staff and pupils clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating.

Managing the risks together

So, thank you children, parents and staff for playing your part in controlling the potential spread of Covid-19.

It was demonstrated in assembly (beamed into each class via Zoom) that by working together we can "lift the weight of Covid-19". All making the right decisions collectively, working together through true altruism will benefit everyone. This was illustrated through using multiple threads of cotton to lift a large weight. A single thread will break, many threads pulling together in the right direction is a formidable force and is more successful.



Have a lovely weekend.

Richard Hunt

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RHunt'.

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