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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the half term, I would like to thank you all once again for your continued support. The last couple of weeks have been busy in every class with plenty of opportunities to play and learn outside, enjoying the autumnal changes in and around our school site.

Our Year 6 librarians have been busy organising our library area with Mrs Holt. They have already helped to categorise new books and have plenty of ideas to create a stimulating environment for us all to use.



### **Fizz Pop Science visit to Class 2**



Fizz Pop Science came to visit Class 2 on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The children (and staff) were very excited to have Astro Alice, from Fizz Pop, join them. Class 2 were able to enjoy many practical and exciting activities. The session mixed learning new vocabulary and science ideas with practical application and amazing demonstrations. I could hear lots of laughter echoing along the corridor. Thank you, Mrs Smith, for organising this. After half term, a Fizz Pop Science Club will be available for Class 2 children to join. Letters were sent home on Tuesday.

### **Hot lunches**

After half term we will be offering hot school lunches to all **Key Stage 1** children and free school meals only. We have planned staggered times for children to eat in the school hall and have allowed for cleaning times in between. Covid mitigations will be in place at all times. We are looking forward to offering this once again, particularly as the weather turns colder. Menu choices can be made via **Parent Pay** and need to be submitted by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October (How-to-make-meal-or-event-bookings is attached).

### **Turning colder**

Government guidelines state that good ventilation is necessary to help disperse any virus and help to lower any risks. Therefore, we will still be required to keep the windows open during the autumn/winter term. We do, however, now have the heating on throughout the school, all rooms are toasty warm. I would recommend layers, such as thermal vests or t-shirts, when the weather is particularly cold. Coats should be brought to school too.

### **FOAS update**

We were disappointed to hear that the recently organised FOAS AGM could not go ahead due to poor attendance. As a school, it is crucial that we receive support from our parents and community to help us fund the much needed resources and further experiences our children all deserve. A new date for the FOAS AGM will be published soon. Both Mr Ross and I will be attending and hope to see many more members of our community present so that we can work together to help support our children.

### **Acorn Class Phonics information**

Each year we invite our Reception class parents to attend a Phonics information evening. As with many other things, this year's meeting has become a virtual one! A video presentation from Mrs Babbage to explain phonics has been uploaded to Tapestry. This will hopefully help you to support your child with phonics, reading and writing at home. Please do make some time to watch the presentation over the next week or so. The presentation document can be accessed on the school blog, please see the link below.

<https://allsaintsprimary.j2bloggy.com/blog/phonics-information/>

Please do ask Mrs Babbage if you have any queries regarding the presentation via Tapestry.

### **Parent Consultation Evenings**

We are very much looking forward to meeting with all our parents next week during our parent consultation evenings. Using TEAMS as a platform for this will be a very different experience for us all. Should there be any difficulties in making contact or the Wi-Fi is overloaded, we will do our very best to call you and either organise another time or discuss over the phone. Fingers crossed everything runs smoothly.

We would very much appreciate it if the following guidelines are followed:

- Conversations should take place in appropriate rooms e.g. kitchen, lounge, study and not in a bedroom.
- All participants should be appropriately attired as they would be for a real-life face to face meeting.
- **No conversations should be recorded.**
- Both teachers and parents have the choice of using audio or video.

- Please try to be on time as the slot times are not flexible at all and will start/finish exactly on time.
- The first 30 seconds of each conversation allows for a short break for the teacher who will initiate the conversation at some point when they are ready during this time.

The school is often commended for the very positive, constructive relationships between staff and parents and it is important that this continues. Therefore, please note that in the extremely unlikely event of verbal abuse, staff will end the conversation and refer the matter to the Senior Leadership Team.

Take care, stay safe and enjoy your weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Bowditch