



Newsletter 8 – 6th November 2020

We are all 'wonderfully made' by God and loved by Him just as we are.

What is coming up ...

- Monday 9th Nov – virtual visit from author Tom Palmer for Year 5/6
- Monday 9th Nov – Y5 Bikeability continues
- Tuesday 10th Nov – Year 6 inspiration day: dress as evacuees
- Tuesday 10th Nov – Flu Immunisations
- Friday 13th Nov – Children In Need: dress in PE kit!
- Monday 16th Nov – Odd Sock Day & start of Anti-bullying Week
- Thursday 26th Nov – Big RE Day: Festivals of Light
- Friday 27th Nov – School & Nursery closed for staff training day
- Friday 18th Dec – Last day of Autumn Term

Covid-19 testing

If a member of your family or support bubble is tested for Covid-19, the child attending school must be kept at home. They need to be at home as soon as someone starts showing symptoms and then books a test.

Please do not send your child to school if you are waiting for test results as if the test is positive it has put our children and staff at risk of illness.

Please make sure everyone who has direct contact with your child knows that if they start showing signs of illness and books a test to inform you so that the child can then be kept at home.

It is vital that we all follow these instructions from the Government to help us keep our school open and keep everyone safe. Thank you

Children In Need

Next Friday, the 13th November is Children in Need Day. We will be joining in with the theme this year of Five To Thrive. This helps children know about five things they can do to boost their physical and mental wellbeing.



As part of this day we will be taking part in Joe Wicks' 24 hour get fit challenge by joining him for the last 20 minutes of his workout. It would be great if children wore PE kit next Friday to help us feel energised and be ready for activities. The staff will be wearing their PE kit too and it looks to be a fun day that helps us all feel good.

We are not asking children to bring in donations this year, however if you would like to give a donation to Children in Need you can do it through this through ParentPay. Once we have set up the donations page we will send you the link and information to make the donation.

Odd Sock Day & Anti-bullying Week

Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear



odd socks to your school, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of the national Anti Bullying Week to help raise awareness of bullying. During the week we will be focusing on friendships, diversity and why bullying is wrong and how we can stop it.

Temperature in School

Due to the new guidance from the government about steps we need to take in school to keep risk from infection as low as possible, we have to keep

windows open to provide a constant supply of fresh air in every room. We have already been doing this but will have to continue throughout the winter too. We will still have our heating on but having the windows open obviously reduces the temperature in school. Please ensure your child wears a jumper or cardigan to school so they do not feel cold. If you have any issues with buying a jumper or cardigan and need support, please ring the school office and arrange a phone call with Mrs Devaney or Miss Smith to discuss how the school can help. Thank you

Possible New Breakfast Club

We know that some families need childcare before school so we have talked to Little Einsteins to see if they have any availability. They currently do not run morning childcare but can do this if there is enough need in the school community. The cost would be £4.50 per child per session – for a 7.30am drop off and they would get the children to school for 8.40am. The children would have breakfast and take part in games and activities.

At the moment I am just finding out if there is enough interest in this and they will then see if it is possible. If you are interested in your child attending this provision, please email admin – admin.acs@ebor.academy with the subject heading New Breakfast Club.

Bikes and Scooters

Please remember that bikes and scooters need to be walked with on the school premises. They cannot be ridden as we have many families who have young children and riding bikes and scooters creates a risk to them.

Arrival on the school premises

Some parents have been arriving on the school premises very early. Please help us continue to keep risk as low as possible by arriving during the extended drop off and pick up times and not before.

Prayer

A Prayer for Inner Strength

Dear God, Please give me the strength to face the day and see the many blessings it contains. Give me the courage to walk on, no matter how long the path or how many turns in the road. Guide my thoughts so I will walk in love and peace and with gratitude in my heart.

So this newsletter will arrive to you in our second lockdown and at a time where lots of people are feeling anxious and drained. Whether it is prayer or Charlie Mackesy that helps, we hope you can find something to help restore the calmness, strength and hope we all need at the moment.

"Can anything good
come from a storm?"



"You learn to love yourself
and others who are struggling"
said the horse.