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Dear Parents and Carers

At the time of this letter, we are almost at half term and if you're anything like me, taking it all one day at a time. This half term has presented us with some challenges, but mostly with moments where we are so pleased to be back in school and trying to sustain some kind of normality. The children have all been amazing and continue to do so well.

Please, please can I remind you to follow the guidance of staying in bubbles and not mixing with larger groups outside of school. I hear from children and teachers, of children attending birthday parties, get togethers and holidays with groups of more than 6. We have no idea what challenges the winter months will bring us, but if we all do our bit then hopefully we can have minimum exposure to the virus.

Medication in School

If your child has prescribed medication for school use, we need it to be in the original box with the prescription information printed on the box, or to see sight of the prescription sheet for the child.

Last Day of Half Term

To confirm, the last day of this half term is **Wednesday 21st October**. I have been made aware that the lunch register app is allowing you to make choices for Thursday 22nd but this is an error.

Nut Free Schools

Please can I remind you that all three schools are nut free schools as we have several children with allergies. Please do not include these in lunch boxes in any form, including pistachios, cashew nuts and items such as 'Tracker' bars and 'Snickers' as well as nut spreads such as 'Nutella'. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Free School Meals

It is a sad reflection of the economic impact of COVID-19 that some parents in our school community may be facing a change in circumstances, which could then result in their child/children being eligible for a free school meal, perhaps for the first time, so more knowledge on how to apply can only be a positive thing. **Your child may be eligible for a free school meal with could save you over £400 a year and gain additional funding for the school. To see if you qualify, visit www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals**

Children in Years R, 1 & 2 who are entitled to free school meals regardless of circumstances, should still apply as above if their circumstances change.

Shoes – Names

Please can we ask that the younger children have their shoes named. We already have brand new shoes/plimsolls that people say aren't theirs, but must belong to somebody.

Harvest Donations

A really big thank you to everyone who donated the fantastic array of tins and packets for the Waveney Foodbank. It was wonderful to see such a practical expression of the Values for Life -Thankfulness, Generosity and Compassion – that these Harvest gifts represent and which are clearly shared by family members.



Clubs After Half Term

Unfortunately, we will not be running any after school clubs after half term.

Children in Need Day

This year's Children in Need Day is on Friday 13th November and we are asking for children to wear clothing that is red, white and blue in any combination you choose. Any donations please to be given on the gate when children arrive.

Parent Teacher Association News

FOSTA are organizing an online raffle on Friday 30th October at 3pm. For more information please contact Keri Soanes on 07514 559721 or email at keriatfosta@gmail.com

AWARDS

<i>Good Work – Owls:</i>	Thomas &Olly
<i>Good Citizen – Owls:</i>	Gabriel, Emily & Nicole
<i>Good Work – Robins:</i>	Dixie, Amelie & Lolly
<i>Good Citizen – Robins:</i>	Annabella & Bennie