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Dear Parents/Carers,

Second Autumn Term Update 1

Please see below helpful information for the next couple of weeks. As always, further details/reminders will follow nearer the time.

New Bubbles

The children have been settling very well into their new bubbles this week.

Thank you

Thank you to the parents who gave Harvest monetary donations to the local Shrewsbury food bank collection. A total of £40 was raised.

Bonfire Menu 5th November

There will be a special Bonfire menu this Thursday which will include a choice of a hot dog, veggie sausage in a bun, burgers, breaded chicken or a vegetable burger. These will be followed by brownies, yoghurts or fruit. Please pay £2.40 in advance for any KS2 meals. Thank you.

Remembrance

Next Wednesday will mark remembrance with a minute's silence. If you would like to make a donation to the British Legion in return for one of the poppy appeal gifts, please send money into school via your child. Gifts are priced at 50p, £1 and £1.50 are available for the children to choose from a box in Reception.

Parent appointments

In view of the government's recent announcement of a second national lockdown, it will be necessary to postpone the planned parent appointments for Nursery, Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 on 9th and 10th November until further notice.

Forest School

As mentioned in the previous update letter, Forest School arrangements for Class 1 (Reception) will continue on Wednesday mornings and for Class 2 (Year 1 and 2) on Friday mornings. Children are to come to school dressed ready in outdoor clothes with wellies and bring indoor shoes to change into.

Nursery Forest School will also continue on Tuesday mornings. Please dress in warm layers with wellies, waterproof, gloves and hat.

P.E.

P.E. for Class 1 will be on Tuesday mornings - again, please come dressed ready.

P.E. for Class 4 will be on Tuesday mornings. These sessions will focus on netball skills and games during this half-term and will be delivered by Mr Mc Fail, a specialist sports coach.

Arrival/Collection

Please keep within the time slots below for arrival/collection and wait until the previous bubble has been collected before approaching the school path. In line with the government guidance and further lockdown restrictions and school advice, the expectation is that parents should be wearing face coverings whilst entering/leaving the school site at drop off/collection times. Social distancing should also remain whilst using the one way system. Once your child enters/leaves school, please depart from the school site straight away to save any congestion or gathering of adults and children together.

Class 4	8.45-8.50am	2.45-2.50pm
Class 3	8.50-8.55am	2.50-2.55pm
Class 2	8.55-9.00am	2.55-3.00pm
Class 1	9.00-9.05am	3.00-3.05pm
Nursery	9.05-9.10am	12.45pm after lunch then 3.05-3.10pm

Nursery

Recent guidance this week has advised that the number of different nursery settings a child attends should be limited. Further guidance is expected to follow shortly which will enable discussions to be held with parents to agree the best way forward.

Reception area

Children should come to school equipped with the items they need, for example P.E. kits, water bottle, lunchboxes, coat and any relevant homework. Items can no longer be distributed across different bubbles via Reception. We also are required to minimise contact at the school office. In the event of an emergency and a parent needing to enter the reception area during school hours, a mask needs to be worn. The reception window will need to remain closed as before. If any Sunrise or Sunset bookings are required, please contact the school office by phone (leaving a message if necessary) or by email. Forms can be sent via your child, but these are also available on the school's website.

COVID Testing

Please remember that if anyone in your household develops COVID symptoms, a test is required within a five day window. If the outcome is positive, then please inform the school as soon as possible. Self-isolation is needed for 14 days for other household members, or if close contact has been made with others who have tested positive. Tests can be arranged through the COVID helpdesk by calling 119.

Children in Need

This year the Children in Need appeal week is being held from 9th-15th November. This year's theme is 'Five to thrive' and includes programmes and activities to support children with their mental health and well-being.

Children are invited to come to school in spotty non-uniform for a £1 donation on Thursday 12th November. There will also be a raffle (tickets £1) to win a limited edition Pudsey Bear money box and two new souvenir 50p piece which have been released by the Royal Mint.

National School Meals Week

There is a national campaign for school meals during the same week as Children in Need. This is to highlight the importance and benefits of school meals and the chance to champion and celebrate school caterers. The campaign encourages schools to serve hot meals which St. Lucia's already offer each day.

Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a parent governor on the St. Lucia's Governing Body. Please see the attached information. Nominations need to be returned to school by next Wednesday 11th November.

Term dates

Just a reminder that the school holidays and term dates can be found on our website. Children finish for the Christmas holiday on Friday 18th December and return on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

St. Lucia's Friends

All children completed a Christmas card design in their classes just before half-term. Thank you to Becky Lloyd, the Friends and the Class teachers for arranging this fund raiser. Samples of the designs will be sent home over the next few weeks.

Due to the current COVID situation there will be no Christmas Fayre this year. However, instead, a raffle will be drawn for two hamper prizes. The letters to Father Christmas will also be arranged again as before.

Stay well and keep safe.

Kind regards

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Headteacher