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"Learning and achieving together in a caring community."

Do to others what you would want them to do to you- Matthew 7:12

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well amid the current challenges and that you were able to have a nice half-term break with the children despite the weather and some of you needing to self-isolate.

You will be fully aware of the new government requirements to help reduce the spread and consequences of Covid-19. Things have not changed much in primary schools from how things were prior to the half-term, the main exception being that we would not be allowed to run any extra-curricular clubs. We had hoped to be able to offer school dinners again on a limited basis next month but unfortunately, for a number of reasons, we will not be able to do this; we will review the situation in January but currently I cannot foresee being able to provide school dinners again until February half-term at the very earliest. Many apologies.

Attached to this letter you will also find updates from the phase teams with information about this term. For Apple Class, Mrs Connolly will continue to provide her Early Years class update each Friday via DoJo.

Staffing Update

I would like to offer a very warm welcome to Mrs Sarah Daffern, who joins us as a teaching assistant in upper key stage two. We are also very pleased to have Mrs Nikki Pink working as a teaching assistant in Key Stage 1 and Mrs Megan Linge in Lower Key Stage 2. These important appointments will help us address our priority area this year of addressing gaps in our children's learning following several months of disrupted schooling. We are also currently advertising for a teaching assistant and MDSA to provide 1:1 support for a child from January. If you are interested or know of someone who could be, further information is available on our website via <https://www.annedwards.gloucs.sch.uk/vacancies/>.

New Covid-19 email address

We have set up a new email address specifically for communication around Covid-19. Please contact us using covid@annedwardsprimary.co.uk to notify us of anything Covid-related, including:

- Self-isolation
- Negative or positive test results



We will monitor this address during weekends and holidays as well so that we can contact any parents or carers via ParentMail should we need to inform you in a timely manner of the need to self-isolate or of a class, bubble or school closure.

Chilzone After-School Club

We are very pleased to have our Chilzone After-School Club open again and that this can continue to run during the government restrictions. If you would like your child or children to attend this club, even if just during the lockdown period, please contact Miss Hollings – mhollings@annedwardsprimary.co.uk to find out the next steps.

Safety Around the School Site

Please remember the need to maintain social distancing when you are coming to drop-off or pick up your children as well as the requirement not to mix with other households. I would also encourage you to wear face coverings, particularly when you wish to speak to a member of staff. Please be aware, however, that staff may need to ask you to remove or lower any covering to be clear of your identify when you are collecting a child. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, it really does make a difference.

Children In Need

Just a reminder that next Friday, 13th November 2020, is Children in Need Day. The children are invited to come into school dressed in something spotty (which could be anything from spotty socks and scrunchies to spotty onesies or pyjamas) and bring in some 'pennies for Pudsey'. Each phase will enjoy a challenge to see how many A3 Pudsey outlines they can cover in coins! The focus for this year's CIN day is mental health, which is great, focusing on the 'Five to Thrive' idea: connecting, taking notice, getting active, being curious and giving. Here is the link: <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/five-to-thrive-hub/>.

Photography Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in our half-term photography completion. Our brilliant school council met with Mrs Seymour on Wednesday to look at all of the entries and vote for the winners; results will be announced next Friday in Gold Book assembly and prizes awarded.

Christmas Events In School

We are looking forward to some lovely Christmas events in school this year, albeit with a slightly different slant on things. It is Year 3 and 4's turn to enjoy Experience Christmas so Reverend McKenzie will be working with Mr Thomas to organise this event to take place in school. Reverend McKenzie will also be leading our collective worship via Teams at the start of December to introduce Advent and joining our special end-of-term Christmas assembly that will be organised by our Head Girl and Head Boy. We are also looking forward to our Christingle morning in the last week of term plus phase bubble parties and festive (packed) Christmas lunches – information to follow. Finally, in the coming weeks each child will either write or draw a message of hope or joy for the village on an angel that members of the church community will distribute locally to add an extra bit of light from our wonderful children at this challenging time.

Key Dates

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| PTA Christmas card order deadline | 11 th November |
| Children In Need | 13 th November |
| Anti-Bullying Week | W/C 16 th November |
| Flu Immunisation | 8 th & 9 th December |
| End of Term 2 | 18 th December |
| Term 3 starts | 5 th January to 12 th February |
| INSET Day – school closed | 4 th January |
| Term 4 | 22 nd February to 1 st April |
| Term 5 | 19 th April to 28 th May |
| INSET Day – school closed | 19 th April |
| Term 6 | 7 th June to 21 st July |

Yours Sincerely



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