Friday 23rd November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the end of a very busy half term in school and I am happy to say that all children have settled really well and are enjoying the school activities. I hope you enjoyed watching the Harvest film clips we shared on our school website. Mrs Stubbs’ class have also shared their Poetry Assembly from Wednesday this week. This can be found under Teaching & Learning – Classes – Mrs Stubbs.

Covid-19

In our school we are continually making improvements to the systems we have in place regarding Covid-19 safety measures. We follow Government guidance and regularly update our school risk assessments. It is extremely important for all children to still be able to attend school in a safe and controlled environment during this global pandemic.

When we return to school after the half term break there will be some slight changes to our ‘bubbles’. Children and staff will be part of class bubbles instead of year group ‘bubbles’. This will significantly reduce the number of children and staff needing to self-isolate should we have a positive test within our school family.

Of course your children will still be able to play with friends within their class and still very much enjoy their time with us in school.

**Please remember to contact us if your child tests positive for Covid-19 over the half-term holiday. This will enable us to identify anyone in our school who may be classed as a contact as soon as possible.**

**Please email covid19@ebor.academy and advise the name of your child's school and a contact telephone number.**

Remembrance Day

We will not be selling poppies in school this year however we would still very much like to support The Royal British Legion. All children in school will make their own special poppy to wear on 11th November 2020. If you would like to make a donation on the morning of 11th November, collection buckets will be available on both school gates for you to drop your donations into. This money will then be stored for 72 hours before it is counted and forwarded to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Parent Phone Calls

Ideally teachers would always prefer to meet with you face to face but due to Covid-19 restrictions this has not been possible. I hope you all received your phone calls within the chosen time slot and the conversations proved helpful. Please remember if you have any questions or concerns you can phone anytime and we can arrange for your child’s teacher to call you back.

Children in Need

Children in need day is on Friday 13th November and your children are invited to come to school wearing anything ‘spotty’. Staff will also be wearing ‘spotty’ clothes and fun activities will take place throughout the day. If you would like to make a donation to BBC Children in Need, collection buckets will be available at the school gates during drop off times.

Poetry Assembly

Miss Williams’ class will hold their poetry assembly on Wednesday 11th November.

Unfortunately we are still unable to invite parents/carers into school so we will record their performance and share this with you on our school website. It will be found later that day under: Teaching & Learning – Classes – Miss Williams.

Free Breakfast Items

On Thursday 29th October between 11am and 2pm a selection of breakfast items will be in our school reception area available for collection. This will include cereals, porridge and baked beans. We have enough for everyone so please come and help yourself! The Filey Food Cupboard will also be open during half term and Filey Deli have posted on Facebook an offer of lunches for those families who are struggling during these difficult times.

Filey Library

Remember to visit Filey Library to take part in their ‘Fun Family Wildlife & Nature Quiz’ and Halloween activities (FREE pumpkins are available).

Self-Isolation

If your child has to spend time at home due to self-isolation their class teacher will ensure they have the appropriate activities to do while they are at home. If you are unable to connect to the internet these activities can be printed and either collected from school or delivered.

From next half term onwards we will also be able to provide a packed lunch for children that are entitled to free school meals which can either be collected from school or delivered to your home.

Once again thank you for your wonderful support and many kind words. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable half term break. If you need any help or have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Best Wishes

Angela Clark

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Head of School