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Head Teacher



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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to welcome back all our pupils. We have made lots of adjustments to our school routines to ensure our environment is safe and pupils and staff can practice safe social distancing. Pupils have taken to these changes well and are behaving sensibly. Well done.

Our school risk assessment for Covid is available to view on our school website. This document is under regular review.

It is early days and the school term is underway and we do want pupils attending regularly. However, should any member of your household display any Covid symptoms, please do not send your child to school until you have been tested and the test results show it is safe to do so. We are able to continue to provide virtual learning for any pupil that is required to isolate for authorised reasons.

Thank you for your efforts to ensure pupils look smart and ready to learn. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

School Photographer

The photographer will be in School on **Tuesday 22nd September**. The photographer will be taking individual and class photographs. Please make a note of this and ensure your child is smartly dressed on this day.

PFTA

The AGM for our School PFTA will be held on Tuesday 22nd September at 3.30pm. You are most welcome to join this friendly group who organise the fund raising events for our school. If you wish to attend, we can provide childcare for the duration of the meeting if given prior notice.

ParentPay

This is our cashless system to enable parents/carers to make payments to the school 'online'. Payments can be made in this way for school lunches and all trips and activities e.g. swimming, as well as payments towards residential trips. We hope that this will reduce the need for cheques and cash being brought into school and make payments much easier for you.

There will still be the opportunity to continue with cheques and cash should this be your preferred option.

Dates for your diary

Parents Evening Wednesday 18th November 3.30-6.00pm for Tadpoles, Hedgehogs, Honeybees, Foxes, 7D, 7L, 8H, 8T, 9S, 9W ONLY. These will be virtual meetings and further information will follow.

Easy Fundraising

The PFTA have signed up Bower Grove School to

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bowergrove>. Please use this link to do your online shopping and a small donation then gets put into the Bower Grove fund. We have so far raised £1,103.78 through this link.

Vaccines

Flu vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 13th October for year groups R-7. Please complete the online consent form marking whether you consent or decline consent at

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/imms-consent-form/> before **8th October 2020**.

To access the consent form you will need to enter your child's school unique reference number (URN) which is below

School URN: 119036

School Uniform

Please ensure all items are named as this will enable staff to return items quickly. Thank you for your assistance. We have been notified by our uniform provider "Brigade" that any outstanding orders should be dispatched by the end of this week.

Yours sincerely,



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