



Newsletter 6 November 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I imagine it's been quite a difficult week for everyone as we entered our second lockdown on Thursday. I hope you and your families remain healthy and well during this difficult time.

At school, we have been waiting for new guidance from the government around safe operating protocols in education but until we hear otherwise, we will continue to operate as we have since September including running our breakfast and after school clubs.

I know you can appreciate that this is a really challenging time at school and that all of our efforts are focused on remaining open and providing our children with the best education possible. This will inevitably mean that the usual things we do at Christmas need to either be put on hold this year or done differently. It's a fine balancing act between keeping our community safe, giving children the best possible Christmas and looking after staff wellbeing and workload and I'd ask for your support with some of the challenging decisions I know we have ahead.

Cold weather

Keeping the classrooms ventilated by opening the windows is a key safety measure the government expect schools to adopt. As you can imagine, this was not problematic when we were open for key workers in the summer, however as winter draws in this will present more of a challenge. So please feel free to send your child to school with extra layers on under their school uniform as the classrooms will be chilly.

Social distancing

Please could I ask for your continued support in adhering to social distancing guidelines when dropping off or collecting your children. Some residents on Five Oaks Close have complained to the school about the lack of social distancing at the beginning and end of the school day and I am aware that some parents and carers may be clinically vulnerable and are worried about being in the same place as so many people.

Parking at Wickes

Wickes have asked parents not to park in their carpark at this time due to their customer queueing system taking up space in the car park. The Surrey pub are happy to allow parents to park considerably during drop off and pick up.

Mental Health Survey

We understand that supporting our children's mental health and well-being is incredibly important at the moment. Please can you take a few minutes to cut and paste the link above and complete the mental health survey. Your views will be very helpful in developing our Mental Health provision. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LLMYXYV>

Poppy appeal

It's not too late to buy a poppy and support the British Legion Poppy appeal. The collection boxes will be in class next week so please send your child in with a donation if you would like one.

Pencil cases

Please could I ask for your support to make sure your child has everything they need with them in their pencil cases including a glue stick and a white board pen. The Covid guidelines for schools say that children aren't able to share stationery and so it really helps us to keep the children safe if they have their own individual, named stationery in their pencil case. Many thanks for your help and understanding with this.

The Friends build a scarecrow competition

There were some fantastic entries to the Friends scarecrow competition but the winners were Jessica and Poppy (Y3). Well done to both!



Covid 19 protocol reminder

I hope we never need it, but could I remind everyone of the [email address for reporting any positive Covid-19 cases](mailto:covid@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk) to school:

covid@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk

This is monitored over the weekends and holidays so if you are in the unfortunate position of receiving a positive test for a member of your household, please don't wait until school is open to let us know. It is imperative that if any member of your household is showing symptoms that the whole household self-isolates and your children do not come to school.

God bless,

Mrs Harper