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NEWSLETTER EXTRA

PUPILS REQUESTING TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN SCHOOL

Following the government guidance issued last week about the wearing of face masks and coverings in schools, pupils who are of primary age are **not required** to wear face coverings in school. We realise that there may be pupils from time to time who may have specific medical needs and that some parents may be anxious about children attending school during the pandemic. If parents wish their child to wear a face mask or covering, then we would ask that a full discussion is held between the Head Teacher and parents/carers to ascertain the reason behind the request and whether or not this is the most appropriate way forward for the pupil. If requests are received in school then the ODSST will be contacted as part of that decision making process.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND SAFEGUARDING

We have been alerted by the Education Safeguarding Advisory Team that there is an extremely inappropriate video being circulated on the following social media sites: TikTok, WhatsApp, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. It is possible to access this video entirely by accident as it has been circulated with many false titles. TikTok aim to remove the video as soon as possible but **you are strongly advised not to let your children access these social media sites during the forthcoming term.** Please be aware and keep your children safe.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 16th September to take photographs of individual pupils and siblings. Please note we can only offer this service to our pupils and will not be able to invite pre-school siblings in with parents at this current time.

ANNUAL FORMS

Each September we send out an annual permission form for you to complete and return to school to make your views known and to provide us with the information which we are required to hold. The form for this year will be sent home in bookbags on **Friday 11th September.** However, if you have changed your telephone number, address or email address since the last data check please phone or email to let Maria Withey know as soon as possible. It is important that we hold the correct contact information for every child. Thank you.

HARVEST SERVICE

We have ascertained that the Harvest Service this year will be conducted in school and filmed by staff and the children prior to 30th September. It will then be released to parents as a video on 30th

September for viewing. This year, in the light of the pandemic and local need owing to job loss we have decided to, again, support the local food banks. It would be a generous response to send in items which could be donated to the foodbank by your child: packets, tins and others with long storage dates would be ideal. Please view this site for further information. <https://witney.foodbank.org.uk/>

SHARING ASSEMBLY

This will take a similar format as the Harvest Service, the video being released in time for the day of sharing.

HOMEWORK

Please be aware that homework issued to pupils will be posted on your child's google classroom account, you will be able to view this in the classwork section under the topic 'Homework'. Any other assignments showing in this section will be completed during the normal school day this enables us to switch on home learning very quickly should a pupil be subject to quarantine or self-isolation.

MEADOW SCHOOL

Meadow school returns from next week and will take place on a Thursday afternoon, can we please ask that your child brings in waterproofs and wellies on this day. We will ask the children to take their clothing and wellies home each week to ensure that cloakrooms are kept as uncluttered as possible for ease of cleaning.

As we see a rise in coronavirus cases, please remember to take care and follow the guidance.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'V. Lucas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Valerie Lucas
Head Teacher