



9th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Face Coverings

You must wear a face covering if coming on to school premises for any reason. We have over 370 children and 50 staff to keep safe! If you are exempt from wearing a face covering, we will bring your child out to you or come to speak to you. If you forget to bring your mask we do have spare so, you can come on to site. We are trying our very best to avoid closing bubbles and to prevent the spread of this horrendous virus. Your support in this matter is essential to help us all stay safe. If you do come on to the sites at any time please try to maintain 2-metre social distance and leave site as soon as possible. Only one adult per child should come to school.

Food Bank and Energy Vouchers

East Durham Trust are currently able to provide energy vouchers as well as food parcels. If you would like help with paying for Gas & Electric please contact school and ask to speak to Miss Cook. This funding only lasts until 31st March. Any calls will be treated in absolute confidence.

If you would like a food parcel or any help with uniform please contact school and we will do our best to help.

Food Bank Donations

Please could you send donations into school with your child. Even one item from every child will make a massive difference. Donations need to be non-perishable such as tins, pasta, rice or dried goods.

Defibrillator

As you all know, with your tremendous help a defibrillator has now been installed at Moor Lane.

Fundraising – Chocolate Raffle

As you can imagine, we have very little left in our school fund following a year of virtually no fundraising during the pandemic. We hope to raise some much-needed funds by holding a chocolate raffle in the final week of this term. All children will be given one raffle ticket (as part of our poverty proofing work) but additional tickets can be bought for 50p per strip. Staff will be donating all of the chocolate, but if you would like to help please send any donations in with your child. Tickets will be on sale from Monday the 15th March. If you /your child do want to buy tickets, please send money in an envelope with your child. Money raised goes towards treats and to help with additional events in school such as subsidising special visitors.

World Book Day

As we missed the official World Book Day, we will be holding our own special day on Wednesday 24th March. Children can come to school in pyjamas – even if they are doing PE that day – and we will have lots of World Book Day stories and events for everyone to enjoy. The theme of the day is/was “Share a story”. There is no charge for this event.

Health & Safety – Parking

I realise it is extremely difficult to get up or down the village at the minute with the road works near Moor Lane. Please do not park across driveways or block back lanes as this is causing a lot of distress to residence and other drivers. The police have been informed about the potential dangers this is causing and will take action if necessary.

Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March

This national fundraising day will be celebrated in school, with stickers, extra playtime and assemblies. If children would like to donate, they can bring money in to school in an envelope (marked Red Nose Day) and any money raised will be sent to this worthy cause. Children can dress up as super heroes, wear something red or wear non-uniform if they wish. If it is your child's PE Day, please make sure they wear trainers for Health & Safety reasons.

Thank you for making the return to school go smoothly. Also, many thanks for sending children in wearing school uniform – hopefully supplies will be readily available in shops soon.

Regards

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