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Severne Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd December 2021



CHILDREN IN NEED



We are proud to say that our non-uniform day raised a staggering £335.04 for 'Children in Need'.

This event would not have been possible without the support of you, our Parents/Carers. Once again, thank you so much for your generosity.



COLDER WEATHER

As you are aware, we are following government guidelines and are keeping the school well ventilated. Although we are having the heating on at a high setting, our school is obviously a little cooler this winter because of the need to keep the windows open.

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing an extra layer of clothing under their winter coat such as an additional blue sweatshirt or fleece.

Thank you once again for your support during these very unusual times.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE OVER THE HOLIDAYS



No doubt your children have asked for some form of internet-enabled gift for Christmas.

For tips on how you can make sure that young people are safer online, over the Christmas period and beyond. Check out:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-the-internet-of-things-iot/>

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES



Again, later this month we will be awarding Attendance Certificates shortly to our children who have achieved fantastic attendance this half-term. Of course, this would not be possible without the support of you, our Parents/Carers.

Thank you.

DARKER NIGHTS -ROAD SAFETY



Please be extra vigilant with road safety over the coming winter months as our children (and yourselves) will be travelling home in poor light.

Emergency Closure of Schools - in the Event of Extreme Weather Conditions.

- In the event of extreme weather conditions (eg. Heavy snowfall) the Local Authority may take a central decision to close all schools.
- If local conditions are extremely bad the Headteacher and Chair of Governors may make a local decision to close.
- Any such decisions will be made by 6:45am at the latest. The decision will then be announced through:

- *Our 'Group Call' Messaging Service*
- *Our school website*
- *Our school Twitter page.*
- *Birmingham City Council Website.*



Note:

Please ensure we have your correct mobile telephone number.

EYE TESTS



NHS sight tests are free for all children and available at your local optician,

Eye problems can seriously affect your child's future. Why not book a sight test over the Christmas break.

PLEASE NOTE: If your child is prescribed glasses it is the responsibility of Parents/Carers to ensure that your child wears their glasses to enable them to enjoy and achieve at school.

HOW TO CONTACT THE DEBT ADVICE TEAM

We all know that during difficult times there will often be a helping hand to offer financial support and before you know it, demands start for a huge pay back which often leaves people in financial crisis.

The Debt Advice Team can help you manage your debts, deal with the people that you owe money to and guide you in budgeting for everyday living.

You can call the Debt Advice Line on **0121 303 2087** from 8:45 am to 5:15 pm Monday to Thursday and 8:45 am to 4:15 pm on a Friday.

You can email them directly at:

debtadviceteam@birmingham.gov.uk



IF YOUR CHILD OR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY ARE UNWELL WITH SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS.

Symptoms

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:



- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

YOU MUST KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND FOLLOW THE GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES REGARDING SELF ISOLATION AND PCR TESTING (for Coronavirus).

GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES LINK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

INFORMING THE SCHOOL:

You are required to contact the school with this information:
Your child's name, class and symptoms.

IMPORTANT: IF YOUR CHILD BECOMES UNWELL AT SCHOOL:

You will be contacted and you MUST come to the school as soon as possible to collect your child. If your child is showing any symptoms of Coronavirus, your child will be isolated and observed by one member of staff until you arrive. It is for this purpose that we require your most up-to-date details. Again, you must follow Government Guidelines to test (PCR test) and isolate.

PLEASE NOTE:

We would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we are doing all we can to keep Coronavirus out of our school, please help us to help keep our children safe.

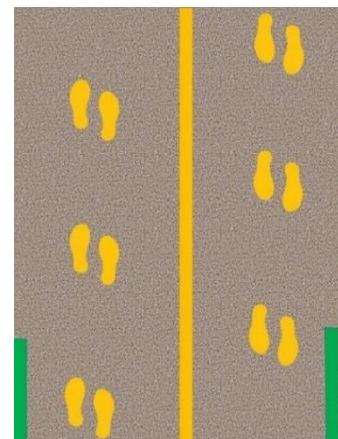


It is strongly advised that Parents/Carers wear a face covering when on our school site.

MEASURES STILL IN PLACE

We are all aware that Coronavirus cases are increasing and we just want to let you know what's still in place at our school, we are still:

- Using a one-way system inside our school
- Sanitising and hand washing
- Enhanced cleaning
- Extra ventilation
- **Keeping to the left system** to enter and exit our school site (thank you for helping support us with this)



BIRMINGHAM SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP

Our first priority is your child's welfare and therefore there may be occasions when our concern about your child means that we have to consult other agencies even before we contact you as per our statutory duty. The procedures we follow have been laid down by, the Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Board.

DIARY DATES:



DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	(KS1) Classes 9, 10, 11 and 12 Infant Parties
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	Nursery (ALL CHILDREN) and Reception Parties.
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	Classes 5, 6, 7, 8 Parties.
Thursday 16 th December 2021	Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 Parties.
Friday 17 th December 2021	Christmas jumper day. End of Term finishing at: 1:30pm
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Teacher Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	School Open to Children (all children to attend).

MR.P.J. HOPKINS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr. P.J. Hopkins'.

(HEADTEACHER)