



Newsletter 02/11/21

Dear Parents & Carers,

Friends Competition

Thank you for all of your entries for this, the deadline for entries has been extended to the end of this week. We shall let you know who has won and how much was raised as soon as entries have been judged and counted.

School Photos

The photographer is going to be in school on Tuesday 9th November. ALL children will need to be in school uniform on that day. We are intending to take individual photos of all children in school and sibling groups of children that attend our school. Unfortunately, we are unable to have sibling groups this year that include pre-school children.

Year 6 children – Please come in uniform and bring swimming kit with you.

Year 3 children – Please come in your uniform and bring PE kit in a separate bag with you ready for your sport afternoon at AMVC later in the day.

We do try and take the best photo we can in the short time available. We end up taking in the region of 600 photos during the day so as you can imagine it has to be tightly organised and we do not have time for various poses, etc. as you would do if you attended a photographic studio.

Covid

Unfortunately, the local rate of transmission in Peterborough and Wittering is very high at the moment. This means that some of the restrictions we had to put in place will need to remain for the time being. This means that we are unable to resume our class assemblies this half term as we had hoped to do and that parent consultation evenings will take place on 22nd and 23rd November and be phone based. It is also likely to mean that we will have to change how we had planned to do the Christmas concert. It is looking as though we shall have to put in place something similar to last year and share our singing as part of a YouTube video rather than have a live audience (those of you who have known me for a while will know how much I enjoy the Christmas concert and how disappointed I am that the last one I am involved with at school will have to be done virtually). If this situation changes I will of course let you know. Please remember to book a PCR test if you or your child is showing symptoms <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>





Playtime Snacks

Please can I remind everyone that if your child brings a playtime snack to school this needs to be either a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. We do provide fruit free of charge for Key Stage 1 pupils. We were starting to get a variety of snack brought in such as crisps, chocolate bars etc. just before half term.

Chill Club

Our Chill Club is now full on certain sessions, which means that we can no longer offer ad-hoc, drop ins for these times. The club is full on Tuesday (both breakfast and after-school), Wednesday & Thursday After School. If you require a place please still get in touch with bookings@wittering.peterborough.sch.uk as we are operating waiting lists and are trying to recruit further staff so we can increase capacity. Please can I remind parents that invoices should be paid with the correct amount for your contract before the sessions start for that month. The advert for the vacancy for a playworker can be found here <https://www.epm.co.uk/school-vacancies/37158/>

Behaviour Policy

We are about to review our Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policy. We are not intending to make any major changes to this. The draft versions are on our website for you to see and any comments can be sent to school at office@wittering.peterborough.sch.uk.

Remembrance Day

We intend to go down to the War Memorial as a school, weather permitting, to pay our respects on 11th November at 11am. This will be a short outdoor assembly and include a minutes silence. We currently have a number of Poppies to sell in school. If the children would like to buy one then they can bring a donation to the Royal British Legion and we can let them have one.

Yours sincerely

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