

9th October 2020

Dear Parents

It's difficult to believe we only have two weeks left to the end of this half term. The children have been brilliant and quickly adapted to being back at school. I have received many positive comments from the public as I welcome the children at the school gates. I'm so proud of all our children. Thank you to all of you who drive and park with due consideration to everyone's safety. Well done everyone!

School Coats – Please ensure your child has a school coat. I will speak to the PTA who are keen to host a second hand uniform sale, details will be shared.

School Website

I am delighted to announce that we will be launching our new school website in a few weeks and will notify you as soon as it goes live. We talked to the children about a new motto and collectively decided on '**Together We Can**' It is a simple statement but symbolises what we promote. Together We Can be....leaders, artists, designers, engineers, innovators and the future of the world! It is exciting as we move into the next phase of our school's journey. We have improved the outdoor areas and carried out work around the premises and there will be more to come. So, watch and wait, the best is to come!

We have a strong community and everyone has a talent they can contribute to ensure success. So please do email your ideas and let us know if you can offer practical support – E.g looking after our pupil garden areas. The most important contribution you can make is supporting your child with their learning. Complete homework tasks and above all ensure they read every day. Talk to them about current affairs, we use 'Votes for Schools' which is a current affairs resource focusing on the news. The more children read, the wider their vocabulary and general knowledge. The future holds endless possibilities, if we aim high, dream big and invest time with the children.

Parent Teacher meetings - Tuesday, 20th and Thursday, 22nd October

You will have received a letter with details of contact meetings due to be held via zoom. Please read the booking instructions carefully and contact the office if you are unable to access the information.

Flu nasal Spray – Please return your form either consenting or not consenting to the nasal spray, as soon as possible. Thank you.

Motivational speakers

As part of our 'aiming high and dreaming big' vision, we arrange motivational speakers/excellent role models to come in and work with the children. Unfortunately owing to current COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to do that in the normal way of a whole school assembly followed by workshops.

On Friday we invited Mr Arindam Das, a chemical engineer with world wide experience in engineering, finance and promoting awareness of how we can live a more eco-friendly lifestyle. His current role is Global Head of Consulting at Westwood, a research and advisory firm focused on the energy sector. Mr Das spoke to children in their bubbles, in the hall and we were able to maintain social distancing and all safety measures. The children asked astute questions around global warming and had the opportunity to learn about engineering. Most importantly the message they took away was, 'aim high, dream big and work hard' if you hold on to these values, anything is possible.



Marathon Heroes

Congratulations to Mrs Mangan and Mrs Gallagher for competing in the Virtual London Marathon last Sunday, 4th October 2020. They certainly were heroes, battling the rain and wind and all in a good cause. Total amount raised from mufti-day and other donations was £361. Over £2000 was raised on the just giving page. Thank you for your generous donations and to everyone who supported on the day, with messages, running, walking and cheering the ladies on. You have done us proud. Thank you

Have a wonderful, dry and safe week. Remember we're in this together to achieve the best for our pupils. So work with your children and support them to be the best they can be. We cannot do it alone as a school, but..... **Together We Can**

Mrs Fernandes – Headteacher

