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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of the first half of the Autumn Term. It has been a start to the year like no other. The school community has worked well together, with mutual support and understanding. The impact of this is that each day children come to school happy and settled and ready to learn in a safe environment.

The staff at Mousehold have gone above and beyond the last few weeks in some very difficult circumstances. I would like to thank every one of them publicly and I am so proud to lead such a strong, caring team.

Thank you for adhering to our risk assessment in helping to keep us all safe. We have seen this week how hard the whole school community is working together on this.

Hand sanitizer

We have plenty of hand sanitizer in school and children use this at regular intervals throughout the day, as well as washing their hands at regular times. If your child brings in hand sanitizer from home please can it not have any alcohol content. There is no reason that your child needs to bring their own. Please chat to your child's class teacher if you want to discuss this.

Remote Learning Plan and Daily Bubble Updates

You might have seen the survey we have sent home this week via Parentmail regarding remote learning. All teachers have a plan of what will happen if a bubble has to self-isolate due to a positive case of Covid 19. In order to make sure that this plan is effective we need to know the best way to support you either using technology or not. Please do complete the survey before the end of halfterm. We hope you are finding our daily bubble updates helpful and reassuring. Our aim, as always, is to be completely transparent with you. If there is a positive case of Covid 19 you will receive a separate letter immediately and we will follow advice from the different authorities and keep you well informed.

Catch Up Premium

We have received some Government funding to enable us to support the children who need some extra 1:1 support for different reasons, following the school closure. We have a plan where Mrs Abeyta and Mrs Jennings, who already work in the school, will be working 1:1 with some children. Your child's class teacher

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will talk to you about this at the Parents Meetings in November. We feel the best way to have the most impact is for 1:1 work that is tailored to exactly what each child needs.

Parents Meetings in November

Parents meetings with your child's class teacher, will be via Zoom or telephone call, please see the information below. Bookings should be made via Parentmail. There will be different dates for different year groups to ensure we have enough telephones and confidential spaces in school. These meetings are an ideal time to hear about how your child has settled into school this term and a chance for you to ask questions.

Parents' Evening Appointments

Date of Parents' Evenings	Class	Date appointment booking opens
4 th -6 th November	Chaffinch	Tuesday 20 th October 6pm
9 th -13 th November	Skylark, Swift and Swallow	Tuesday 20 th October 6pm
16 th -20 th November	Greenfinch and Goldfinch	Tuesday 3 rd November 6pm
23 rd -27 th November	Barn Owl, Raven and Kestrel	Tuesday 10 th November 6pm

The booking form will allow you to opt for a telephone call if you prefer this to a Zoom meeting.

Promotional Video

This week we have enjoyed having a videographer in school. He has filmed the learning environments indoors and out, interviewed some staff and captured some of the children learning. We are all so excited to see the finished film and will share it with you when we have it. We have seen some of the outtakes and they are very funny and memorable!

Thank you for bringing in items for the new foodbank on Silver Road. We were overwhelmed by your generosity. The organisers are very grateful.

We look forward to seeing you back at school on **Monday 2nd November**.

Enjoy half-term with your families and stay well.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Westall

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