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5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term. We have had a busy first week back at school. The teachers have enjoyed meeting with you via zoom for parents evenings. You should all be very proud of how your children have settled into the new academic year. It has been wonderful seeing new friendships forming and more established friendships between children in different classes still strong.

Phonics Presentation for parents and carers

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended this zoom session before half-term. If you were unable to attend please look at the link to the presentation on our school website. It will help you understand how we teach your children phonics and reading.

<https://www.mouseholdinfants.com/phonics-and-reading/>

Open Days for September 2022 intake for Nursery and Reception

We have virtual open days next week and the following week. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend:

Tuesday 9th November 9.15am and 4pm
Thursday 11th November 9.15am and 4pm
Thursday 18th November 9.15am

Remembrance Day – Thursday 11th November.

Poppies are for sale at the school office at the start and end of a school day. Each class will mark Remembrance Day in an age appropriate way and will learn about why a poppy is worn on Remembrance Day.

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Children in Need – Friday 19th November

We will be raising money for charity on Friday 19th November. This charity supports children and their families at our school and nationwide. We support this charity every year.

This year the children can wear **pyjamas or non- uniform**. We understand that some children might not want to wear their pyjamas to school. Please bring a donation to school if you'd like to contribute.

Books for Schools – tokens in the local press

We are collecting tokens published in local newspapers to try to win up to £1000 worth of books for our school. The tokens are published in the EDP and Norwich Evening News, Great Yarmouth Mercury, Lowestoft Journal, Beccles & Bungay Journal, Dereham & Fakenham Times and North Norfolk News. Please start collecting for us. There is a collection box at the school office.

Open classrooms – postponed until further notice.

Thank you for your understanding in this. We will hopefully be able to invite parents into school soon.

Safeguarding and Support

Safety outside the school gates and School Council.

There have been days this week when safety outside school is a concern. I have seen parents doing 3 point turns just outside school and by doing this they have mounted the pavements and driven onto residents' driveways, blocking the road. I have also seen vehicles dent their cars when pulling over for cars coming the other way. Please use the traffic calming system respectfully and be very mindful of young children on the pavements.

The School Council are going to focus on a campaign for road safety outside school, working with other agencies to support us in this.

We would like to find a business who can sponsor us with high vis jackets for all children in the school. If you know of a company or business who would be interested in this, then please let us know. We would be very grateful. We can thank the company on our newsletter, Facebook page and website.

Messages from School Council

We talked about road safety outside of school and how we can encourage everyone to stay safe. The children said:

- *I saw a car drive very fast outside my house and I live close to here. It made me feel not happy at all, some old people live on my street and they could have died.*
- *I like walking to school because I just like walking because you'll get exercise.*
- *When I walk to school it makes me happy because it is nice to have fresh air.*
- *I have a scooter and I sometimes come to school on it, it makes me feel good.*
- *I always make sure I cross the road when the cars are not coming. You have to listen and look. You have to be careful.*

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- *You need to be patient - slow down by our school!*
- *Always use pedestrian crossings and wait for the green person to go.*
- *If you keep using cars to go to school, it will make our trees suck in bad air and we will all die quicker.*
- *I saw a car crash into another car by our school and it made me feel sad and scared.*

The School Council now plan to make a video with the help of the local police to share with families and our school community to encourage road safety. Please let us know your ideas for this!

<https://www.mouseholdinfants.com/safeguarding/>

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Westall, Mr Tolson, Miss Wood, Miss Balachandre

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours then the number to ring is:

CADS – Children’s Advice and Duty Service - 0344 800 8020.

Diary Dates

19th November – Children in Need – fundraising day.

Friday 17th December 2021 - Last day of term

Wednesday 5th January 2022 - First day back to school in Spring Term.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Rebecca Westall
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