



Measham C of E News

Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I'd like to welcome you all back to the second half of the Autumn Term and thank you for your continued support and help in trying to reduce coronavirus infections in our community.

The first half of the Autumn Term presented many challenges to parents, school staff and wider support staff, as we all adjusted to new rules and arrangements and worked hard together to keep children safe in school and engaging with their learning.

As we enter another national lockdown, which is sure to present us all with more challenges, I wanted to reassure you all that school is doing everything we can to maintain as much normality as possible for the children whilst balancing the safety of pupils and staff.

As you will have read in the media, schools will remain open during the lockdown and we are awaiting further guidance from the Government to see if we need to implement any additional measures during this time.

It is important that your child continues to attend school each day unless they have any Covid symptoms or are otherwise unwell. With less movement outside of school due to the lockdown, school should be even safer for the children.

I want to remind you of important steps we can all take to reduce the risk of infection both in schools as well as in the community:

- Remember to socially distance from other parents, children and staff when dropping off/collecting your children
- Wear a face covering on the school site and ideally until you are away from other families/back to your car (unless you are exempt)
- Move away from the area outside school as quickly as possible to leave as much space as you can for others - especially important during the lockdown period
- Limit the number of adults accompanying your child to and from school - only one adult permitted on the school site for drop off/collection
- Remember that the lockdown means that play dates after school are on hold until restrictions are eased
- We will only be able to release children to parents or members of their support bubble during the lockdown period

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→ If your child walks home on their own, support us in encouraging them not to do so as part of a large group - they may well be with others from their bubble, but members of the public may be worried if they see large groups of children walking together



Celebrations/Events in school Remembrance

On Remembrance **Sunday 8th November 2020** there will be Two Minute Silence on doorsteps, we will be encouraging the children to take part.

We will be talking with the children in school about Remembrance and have planned activities in school to commemorate those who have fallen. Children will take part in a two minute silence in school on **Wednesday 11th November** in their classrooms.

Children in Need - Friday 13th November

Children in Need is focussing on mental wellbeing and we will be celebrating this as a school. Every day, each class will be doing age related activities linked to their theme 'Five to Thrive'. On Friday, we would love the children to come dressed in yellow or spots for a donation of £1. If you have any loose change, please could you bring this into school by Wednesday 11th November as we are planning to do something special with the coins. Thank you in advance for your support.



Christmas Dates

Celebrating Christmas may be very different at home this year, however we are still planning on celebrating in school! We will be putting together a whole school Christmas celebration video that will be shared with you! Children will be making cards and decorations and will be bringing these home to share with you!

The socially distanced pantomime will go ahead for each key stage on **Wednesday 16th December**, there will be one actor and a screen to share the main performance - we're really pleased it can still go ahead!

We will also be taking part in Christmas jumper day on **Friday 11th December** to raise money for Save The Children. There is a suggested minimum donation of £1.00 for this worthwhile cause. Thank you in advance for your support.

NHS Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 19th November

For your child to receive the NHS Flu Vaccination you will need to have completed the ONLINE consent form by visiting: www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu. You will also need a school code. For Measham CE Primary School the code is LE139097

If you would like to opt out and your child not have the flu vaccination, you will still need to complete the form answering all of the questions and on the last page, click the 'no consent' box. Thank you!

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If you are displaying ANY of the three main Covid symptoms:

a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)



- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

You **MUST** request a COVID test immediately. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Remember if your child develops non- COVID symptoms, i.e. cold, blocked nose etc. It is **your responsibility** to decide whether they are well enough to attend school. If they come to school, we will assume that they are well enough to be in school and will monitor them if the non-Covid symptoms are mentioned. If they are not well enough to attend school, you must follow the usual procedure. Call the office to say that your child will not be in school and give the reason.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, do not hesitate to contact school.

Regards,

Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher



Dates

Friday 13 th November	Children in Need	All day
Thursday 19 th November	Flu vaccinations	Afternoon
Monday 23 rd November	EYFS Space Day	All day
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All day
Wednesday 16 th December	Panto	All day
Friday 18 th December	Finish for Christmas holidays	3.15pm

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