

20 October 2020

Dear parents/carers,

We have loved having the children back with us in school this half term. I hope that they have enjoyed being back and seeing all their friends again. I am writing to update you on a few dates for next half term. Please note that children's Take Home Tasks are due this week. More information can be found on the class pages of our website.

**Diary dates Autumn Term - Key dates for your diary**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Training Day (children not in school)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Children return to school

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Virtual Open Day filming (all children in Autumn uniform)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Year 4 start swimming lessons at Flitwick Leisure Centre (for 6 weeks) **Friday**

**6<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu vaccinations

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Road Safety Week (more information to follow) **Thursday**

**26<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 4 trip to West Stowe Anglo Saxon village

**PE dates**

The PE timetable will alter half-termly as Premier Sport will be rotating which classes they support. Children are able to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days and when they are attending after school PE clubs.

**Sycamore:** Thursday and Friday

**Hazel:** Monday and Tuesday

**Larch:** Monday and Thursday

**Oak:** Wednesday and Friday

**Swimming**

We are so pleased to have been able to take our Year 6 children swimming this half term. The children have loved the sessions and have been excellent role models for the school. The school staff have been very impressed with all the procedures that Flitwick Leisure Centre have put in place and the centre are constantly reviewing these in line with the government guidance. We look forward to taking our Year 4 children next half term. Children will need to arrive in school with their swimmers underneath their PE kit. They will need to bring a named bag with a towel and their underwear with them. Please ensure that children have the correct swimwear, as the leisure centre are very strict on this. Our Year 6 children will be leading an assembly this week to answer any questions the Year 4 children may have.

**Please note: On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, children should wear their swimmers under their school uniform for this week only (due to the videoing in school that day)**

**Parents Evening**

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent consultations last week. This is the first time that we have completed some of these meetings using phone calls and virtual meetings and we hope that you found it helpful. Please remember that if you have any questions/concerns then meetings can be arranged with the class teacher through the school office via phone/email.

**Online Learning**

All children should now be familiar with using Purple Mash for their homework. If children are off school because they are self-isolating, then their class teacher will make sure that there is work online for them to complete. Should a 'bubble' need to close, we will revert to using Purple Mash for our home learning like we did during the Summer Term.

**Cycling Safety**

We have noticed that lots of our pupils have been cycling to school recently. We would like to encourage children to wear helmets where possible and ensure that they take care when entering and leaving school as the paths and roads can be very busy.

Yours Faithfully,  
Miss Bygraves  
KS2 Lead and Year 6 Class Teacher