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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your extended families are all safe and well and managed to find some time to rest and relax over the past 10 days. I am certain that like me, you watched the Prime Ministers press conference on Saturday evening and like me, you were relieved to hear that schools will remain open during the forthcoming national lockdown. As a school, we are fully committed to teaching your children and doing everything we possibly can to ensure everyone remains fit and well. I ask that you support our efforts by continuing to observe social distancing outside of the school premises, by not gathering in groups and also informing us, in a timely manner if you or your child develops any COVID symptoms. Finally, whilst it is not a legal requirement to wear face coverings, when dropping off and picking up your children, with rising case numbers it may now be prudent to wear one, to help protect our school community.

Thank you, as ever for your support.

#### **Parents Evening**

You will shortly be receiving a letter confirming the date and time of your parents 'evening' slot, with your child's class teacher. Please ensure you pencil those details into your diary or get in touch if the time given is not convenient for you.

#### **Remote Learning**

We have been working hard over the past term to be prepared, should a class have to close, local restrictions force the school to close or a national lockdown requires all schools to close. It is our fervent wish that this does not happen but, it is, in our view better to plan for the worst and hope for the best. You will therefore be receiving a detailed letter from me about our new remote learning platform, Google Classroom, this week. Each child will also bring home their login and password details, via their book bags, in paper form. Please look out for these and keep the details safe. We would now like to move our home learning (homework) over to this platform, to give you and your children the opportunity to use and familiarise yourselves with the platform. In the event of a class closing, or a full lockdown, remote learning will be accessed via this platform.

#### **FOBSA Update**

Thanks to your donations and support FOBSA raised a very impressive £913 last term; Thank you! I am sure your children have been doing lots of jobs over the half term break in support of the Silver Smarties challenge. Please return your filled tubes to the boxes outside each entrance. FOBSA have also been busy collating Christmas cards designed by the children. Proofs will be coming out shortly so do look out for those.

#### **Reception September 2021 Intake**

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold parental tours this term, for those families with children starting in the Reception class next September. We have produced a short video and FAQ document, which can be found on our school website, which we hope goes a little way in helping parents and answers any questions they may have. Please do share this information with any friends and family members that it may apply to. The information can be found here:

<https://www.bagshot.surrey.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/new-parent-letter-2021.pdf>

#### **Warm clothing/Welly Boots**

Do not forget every child needs a pair of named welly boots left in school, from now on. A waterproof, warm coat is also very sensible!

**Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

As we have previously, we will be supporting The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year, albeit in a COVID secure way! I have attached a picture of the merchandise, which is available this year. If your child would like to purchase one of the items please place the suggested donation into a sealed envelope. On the outside of the envelope please clearly write the following:

- child's name
- child's Class
- which merchandise your child would like; i.e. 1 Metal Pin
- donation amount.

Please drop this envelope into the Poppy Appeal boxes, which you will find located outside of your child's drop off/pick up point and we will ensure your child receives their merchandise. We have limited amounts of each item so we will allocate items on a first come, first serve basis. Please do not specify a specific colour for an item as that may also be unavailable.

We will be selling the merchandise until **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Kind regards  
Miss K Aldred  
Headteacher

**Poppy Appeal Merchandise**

The poster displays the following merchandise and donation amounts:

- Zip pull** - **Suggested** Donation: 50p
- Reflector** - **Suggested** Donation: 50p
- Silicon wristband** - **Suggested** Donation: £1.00
- Snap band** - **Suggested** Donation: £1.50
- Metal pin** - Suggested donation £1.00

At the bottom of the poster, there are drawings of children playing with poppies and the text: **Please Support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**