Dear Parents/Carers

I know you will be aware of the ongoing government updates about the current increases with the virus infection rates and that these differ between areas of the country. In these continuing uncertain times, I wanted to reassure you that the school is constantly reviewing our practices and procedures in the light of these changes. We continue to be updated regularly by the DFE and the local authority and follow the advice and guidelines. The local authority also tracks the infection rate in Essex and advises schools accordingly. As a community we are very strong and supportive of each other. Please do reach out if you’re having a low day or if you need a chat or some reassurance. We are here to help.

Kind regards

Jackie Halliday

October 12th 2020

**Certificates**

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded Golden certificates this half term.

Rosie G Emily Mikey Cody Jacob Teddy Margot Agatha Dolly Oliver C Jessica Tommy Leland Leo Bronson Lawrence Henry

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

**Congratulations!**

**With your generous donations and support we raised an amazing £237**

Thank you to all the children who took part in the design a cupcake competition.

The winners (Judged by Mrs Owens) were:

Theodore Maddison Thomas B Sam

**Parents Consultation Meetings**

**Monday 19th Tuesday 20th 4-6.30**

These will be held remotely. Information about how to book online has been sent out with the option of a phone meeting if preferred.

 **Share and learn**

We will be sending home a small selection of work chosen by the children for them to share with you before your consultation meeting.

* **Friday 23rd October Non-pupil day**
* **Monday 2nd November Non –pupil day**
* **3rd November children return to school**



**Summary of the school development plan 20/21**

Each year we evaluate the impact of the previous year’s actions and identify areas for further development. During lockdown and partial opening, we made great progress with our curriculum re-design, updating policies, long term planning, tracking progression of skills and making connections between and within subjects(all remotely!). We will be continuing this as a focus and carrying forward some of the actions from the school development plan from last year. In addition we will be supporting pupils with their mental health and wellbeing through the updated PSHE/SRE curriculum and our wellbeing programme.

This year our focus is:

* To re-establish expectations around interactions with adults and each other.
* To identify gaps in learning and tailor the curriculum to address these.
* To provide effective support in case of further partial or full lockdown.(Our remote learning plan)
* To continue to re-design the curriculum with a focus on respect, resilience and reasoning. (Subject areas to review; Design and technology, RE, Geography and Writing)
* To maintain and regularly review the safeguarding procedures around Covid so that all stakeholders are compliant.
* To evaluate the yearly timetable of school events and consider creative ways of continuing these.