



I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break and are keeping safe and well. This half term is set to be a very busy one as we build up to the Christmas season.

You will have received correspondence from the Local Authority explaining that COVID cases within the area are concerning and consequently we are now an Enhanced Response Area (ERA). We continue to work closely with the Local Authority and follow all guidance provided both generally and where cases are confirmed within our community, and will ensure you are kept informed of any developments. This may mean that plans could be subject to change and I thank you for your ongoing understanding and support.

Remembrance Day (Thursday 11th November)

Poppies are available in school for a donation and we will observe the 2 minute silence within school. Children will learn about the significance of this day within their classes.

Children in Need (Friday 19th November)

We will again be supporting Children in Need and will be holding a non-uniform day and participating in Joe Wick's work out. We ask that children bring in a charity donation.

Students come together for 999 heroes (Friday 3rd December)

On Friday 3rd December 2021, schools, colleges, and universities across the UK are being invited to hold a unique non-uniform day in honour of the millions of people who have served in the NHS and emergency services. This is part of a campaign called **#UniteTheUniforms for the @999Cenotaph**.

The campaign will see students invited to wear the colours of the emergency services (red, blue, green or orange) and donating £1 towards building the UK's first 'Emergency Services Cenotaph' which is supported by His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge, the Prime Minister and First Ministers of NI, Scotland and Wales. **If you wish to make a donation this can be done online or via text, details were forwarded to all parents on 08.11.21. Donations should not be brought into school.**

Christmas

Our Christmas plans have not yet been finalised due to the ever-changing situation. We will work hard to ensure that children enjoy a wide range of fantastic festive activities within school and that parents are able to access virtual performances. Our website will be regularly updated and class pages will showcase the children's work and experiences- please do take the time to look at these with your children and talk about what they have been doing in school.

SENCo

Donna Suttle will be joining us as SENCo from January 2022. Transition days will be arranged this half term to ensure a smooth handover. Mrs Suttle is an experienced SENCo, teacher and school leader. If any parents wish to meet with her prior to the end of term please do let me know so that I can ensure this is planned in to our meetings. We are very much looking forward to welcoming her to our team.

Diary Dates

November

Thursday 11th- Remembrance day

Friday 19th- Children in need (Non- uniform)

Friday 19th- Robins Equine Facilitated Learning

December

Friday 3rd- Students come together for 999 heroes (Non- uniform)

Friday 10th- Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 14th- Roots to Food

Wednesday 15th- Christmas Lunch and Christmas parties (Non- uniform)

Friday 17th- End of term

Sophie Foston

Headteacher