

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following Parent Forum last Friday, I felt it was important to clarify a couple of things:

Government Announcements

School has no knowledge of what is going to be announced until the same time as everybody else; we are given no prior notice. The Chair of Governors, Mrs Wilde, Mr Jackson and myself have planned for many different scenarios, but until the Government issues new guidance they remain as plans. The two key dates that we are all waiting for are 17th May and 21st June. I hope that from the 17th May it will be possible to take children off site for day visits and from 21st June restrictions will be lifted. After these dates, and when Government guidance is issued, I will let you know if there are any changes in school.

'Bubbles' in school

The Infant site will remain as one bubble with collection from the Churchyard until at least 21st June. The Junior site will remain as two bubbles, with phased pick up and drop off and collection from the school field until at least 21st June.

The Government guidance allows us to have mixed bubbles for all after school provision, both indoors and out. We have tried, where possible, to maintain the bubbles for after school sports clubs, but this is not possible for Night Owls on the Junior site.

Planned Events

This is very difficult for all schools. We hope to be able to offer all our usual Summer term events: - Leavers show and Leavers service for year 6, Sports day, Summer dancing, Music performances, Alice in Wonderland performance from year 5 & 6, in person fund raising activities for F4CADs, trips etc. However, we will not be able to share any dates with you until things are confirmed and/or we have guidance from the Government and Public Health.

The staff, Governors and I are as frustrated as you that we can't get 'back to normal' more quickly. But we must continue to follow the Government guidance and keep as safe as possible so that the expected changes can happen on the key dates of 17th May and 21st June.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Price

Bags 2 School

If like me, you used the last lockdown to sort out even more clothing, I have the solution to all the full black bags that are sitting in your home! We are having a Bags 2 School collection on **Monday 10th May**. Please bring your donated items in strong black bags and leave them in the designated spaces at the front of the school for a collection in the morning of 10th May. Do not be tempted to leave them over the weekend as the company will not take wet bags.

They accept the following '**good quality**' items for RE-USE*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)

- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept:

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*

Mobile phones in school and on the bus

Children are only allowed to have mobile phones in school with prior agreement for exceptional circumstances. Children should not have mobile phones in their bags to be used on the school bus.

TicToc

Just a reminder that TicToc should only be used by children over the age of 13. This week I have had to deal with children singing inappropriate songs that they have viewed on TicToc.

Fully Funded Mental Health & Wellbeing courses

Woodspeen Training are an Ofsted Grade 2 Training Provider who specialise in the delivery of these qualifications to anyone, regardless of their employment status, and you can complete as many of these courses as you like. The courses are **FULLY FUNDED**. See attached flyer.

Whizzfest online

An announcement from the Whizz Fest team, as we have been involved in the festival previously: -

'We're delighted to exclusively announce to local schools that this year's authors are:

Sir Michael Morpurgo – *one of Britain's best-loved story makers. Michael Morpurgo is the author of timeless literary works such as War Horse, The Butterfly Lion, Kensuke's Kingdom and Why the Whales Came. Morpurgo will be joined by Emily Gravett, the multi-award-winning author and illustrator who has*

brought Morpurgo's latest book A Song of Gladness to life with pictures and colour, for a live draw along!

Dan Freedman - creator of everyone's favourite footballer, Jamie Johnson and fantastic author of *Unstoppable*.

Eoin Colfer – incredible author of the internationally best-selling *Artemis Fowl* series (named the public's favourite Puffin Classic of all time!)

Each author will be recording a family-friendly, fun and informative online event with a Q&A session at the end, to be broadcast on festival day - Saturday 26 June. Local school children are invited to take this exclusive opportunity to ask a question and find out more about these incredible authors. Would you like to know what Michael Morpurgo's favourite book was when he was younger? Was English Dan Freedman's favourite subject at school? Which author inspired Eoin Colfer the most growing up?

To submit a question please email whizzfizzfest.av@buckinghamshire.gov.uk by **Friday 14 May, 12pm (Dan Freedman and Eoin Colfer)** and **Friday 21 May, 12pm (Michael Morpurgo)**. Along with your question and which author you'd like to ask, please include your:

- First name
- Age or Year Group

Raffle thanks

Last week, I forgot to thank Mrs Hosking, Mrs Mee and Mrs Daly for organising prizes for the raffle. Thank you too to Fullers Flowers in Risborough, Rumseys Chocolates in Thame, Boarstal meats, Broadmoor Farm shop and BeerGinVino in Haddenham for being generous supporters of our school.

Hartwell Garden Centre

Thank you to Hartwell garden centre for donating potato seeds for the junior children to 'grow their own' in the garden.

Stars of the week

Little Owls Bertie and Jacob

Yr 1 Bonham and Billie

Yr 2 Maya S and Claudia

Yr 3 Chloe and Darcey Mae

Yr 4 Teddy and Zoe Praise

Yr 5 Freya, Finley and Myles

Yr 6 Emilia and Kit

Leaf of belief

Little Owls Tahlia, Clara and Amber

Yr 6 - Courtney

Important Dates

Bags2School collection date - Monday 10th May 9am

Inset Day - Friday 28th May

May Half Term 31st May - 4th June

Payments Open

Hot Lunches Summer 2 Half term - junior payments close Wed 19th May

