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Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well and enjoyed the October half term. It was a damp week but hopefully you found the time to rest or spend some time with your children.

PTA

I believe many of you embarked on the Halloween trail organised by our PTA. I understand the trail required resilience (as we had a number of entries!) but I really do hope that it gave your children an opportunity to take part in a safe Halloween activity. Thank you to all of those families that entered and created some frightening door scenes. Well done to the family who won the competition. Thank you to PTA particularly Kate King and Mrs Loysin-Stokes who helped judge the entries.

The closing date for ordering personalised Christmas cards has now passed. A number of our families have ordered cards and as a NASA PTA this will create welcome finance. Thank you to the families who have supported us with this initiative.

Google Meets

The first of our parent teacher Google meets have taken place this week. We anticipated some technical problems but in actual fact had very few. Thank you so much to the parents who joined the meetings. There were some parents who didn't join the meetings and this wasted valuable teacher time. May I ask that if you have a planned Google meeting for next Wednesday that you ensure you are prepared for the meeting and let us know if you are not going to be joining this. I will be asking for some feedback from parents about the experience as an online meeting. There are certainly some advantages and I think that it is important to get some feedback in order to shape what we do in the future with parent teacher contact.

Personalised PE Kits

As promised, we have looked into a personalised and practical PE kit solution that avoids children wearing their own home clothes and brings a unified and inclusive approach to school. We have set up a partnership with a company who will provide the uniform on our behalf. Below is the link to the supplier of uniform for PE and sport in school. **I want to make it very clear that there is absolutely no expectation on parents to purchase this kit during this academic year.** I completely understand that we are living in challenging times and many families are struggling at present. Equally it may suit families to purchase this kit for a variety of reasons, including protecting home clothing that on the whole can be expensive. I can confirm that even after covid - which I hope is very soon - we will use this range of PE kit going forward. I believe we have chosen items that will be practical but also appeal to the fashion-conscious children. We are not benefitting financially using this company and we will not gain any kind of commission. We have looked carefully at the quality of the kit and have had some positive feedback from another school who are using the company. Below is a link to the supplier. Should you choose to purchase the kit, there are various options for delivery. Should you decide not to purchase the kit this academic year then your child can continue to wear their home sports clothing. As of September 2021, we will use this uniform going forward.

Uniform supplier link: <https://www.lifeisonebigparty.com/st-christopher>

School Activities

There are a few school activities and initiatives that I would like to share with you:

- After school clubs: We cannot offer our usual plethora of clubs however we are going to introduce year group after school sports clubs. Please look out for a separate email regarding how to register your child's interest in these.
- Friday 13th November: Children In Need. We will not be accepting donations into school but supporting the charity with activities in school. Pupils can wear non uniform and wear CIN accessories such as wristbands.
- Week of 16-21st November: Anti-bullying week. School based activities. We will be launching the week by wearing odd socks on Monday 16th November.
- NSPCC: As always, we will be using the NSPCC resources to help children keep themselves safe – look out for further information about this via a separate email.

National Lockdown

We are pleased that schools are remaining open and our staff are committed to this. With the increase in cases, it is even more important that you help us remain open and prevent outbreaks by ensuring you follow the Stay Safe Booklet. Most significantly you isolate as a family if any member of your household becomes symptomatic. Tests are much easier to book and the results are taking on average about 48 hours so this helps the process. Remember that if you choose to send your child in when you shouldn't you place an additional risk of us having to close bubbles in school so please support us. Can we please request that when entering the school site that a mask is worn. If you are not wearing a mask, please be aware that staff will ask you to wear one and you may be stopped from entering the school site. Please can we ask that you social distance on the playground and continue to use the correct Zone Areas to collect children. Together we have managed to avoid this so far. Please find attached a letter from Coventry Council

Yours sincerely,



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