



Dear Families,

As we end the half term with sunny and chilly weather week, I want to thank you all and your children for being superstars over this half term. There has been a lot to get used to from routes through the school to book changing and PE days, and you have all taken this in your stride, thank you. It has not been a 'normal' half term by any stretch of the imagination, and I am so proud of the school community for how they have adapted to the new changes.

After half term we are looking forward to getting back into the rest of the school. I will try to send you all some photos on Class Dojo of the new areas as we take possession tomorrow.

Although we are planning to have the hall and kitchen back after half term, we will continue for the first week (in the first instance) with packed lunches to minimise the disruption any potential delay might cause to you all. We will then be looking as to what we can do within the guidance to bring hot dinners back for the children who want them. We will let you know as soon as the menu offerings change.

Thank you over the past few weeks for your patience with our new Parent's Evening online meetings. From the feedback I have received from both families and teachers has been overwhelmingly positive, and a bonus that you don't have to come out into the cold and wet and keep your slippers on for Parent's meetings :)

This week Mrs Warren took the time to speak to Year 2 parents to share with them the work we are doing to support the Year 2s in their phonics learning, particularly with a view to supporting their 'catch up' work. Thank you to the parents who took part in the meeting. For those of you who were unable to join, we will email home some of the resources Mrs Warren shared so you know what to expect for your child's learning over the next half term.

We have been very fortunate this half term not to have any Covid - 19 cases in our school community. Please watch out for an email from the school later on tonight giving you information on how to report to us if your child has symptoms and receives a positive test result during the first part of the holidays. This is so that we are fulfilling our responsibility with test and trace to inform anyone who has been in contact with a confirmed case to isolate.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd November at your usual arrival time slot.

With best wishes to you all,

Mrs Chessell

BOOK AMNESTY

Our book shelves are looking very empty because we lent a lot of reading books out before the summer break.

Please could you have a look at home over the holiday and return any school reading books.

Just put them in the bucket/box by the gate when we come back

Many thanks

DIARY DATES

16.10.20 INSET DAY

19.10.20—30.10.20 Autumn
Half Term Holiday

2.11.20 First day back after
Half Term

5.11.20 Year 3 swimming
continues

11.11.20 School Photos

13.11.20 Children in Need
(Wear sports gear)

27.11.20 Flu letters out

8.12.20 Flu Clinic in school



CHILDREN IN NEED

Joe Wicks is inviting schools to take part in the Ultimate Feel Good Friday on Friday 13th November.

Come dressed to represent a sport or sports person (or wear your P.E. kit if you prefer)

QUARANTINE

Please remember that if you have overseas holiday booked for half term, you may need to quarantine on your return.

Check Government advice for your destination.

It is a legal requirement to self-isolate if you return from a non-exempt country.

ABSENCE

If your child is ill, please telephone the office on the first day of absence (there is an answerphone before 8:30am).

We would normally ask you to confirm this in writing but at present we are trying to limit the amount of paper which goes between school and home. Could you therefore please confirm the reason for the absence by email to contactus@binsteadpri.co.uk Thank you

EARLY BIRDS

We are limited to 15 spaces for Early Birds (due to Covid precautions). Please make sure that you book your child in using the online system to ensure there is a place.

If you need to cancel a booked session, it can be amended online or you can phone the office if you have any problems. Thank you

