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Dear Parents / Carers

November Updates 1

I hope that you managed to have a good half term despite the weather and increasing restrictions. Many thanks to all of the families who shared their pumpkin designs and Halloween experiences on the PTA Facebook page - it was a really lovely way for our school community to stay connected.

COVID-19

I am just writing to inform you that we have a number of households within our school community who have positive adult COVID cases. As a result of this, any children within those households will be self-isolating for the required time and class teachers will send learning home. We wish the family members a speedy recovery and hope that they start to feel better soon.

Where tests have come back negative, then children within those households are able to come back to school as normal.

Could I please ask that all families contact us with any COVID updates as soon as they are known, so that we can update our records and plan accordingly. Could we also ask for parents / carers to ensure that any children who have symptoms or who are unwell do not come to school please. Any illness should be reported by contacting the office on **01226 763020**. Many thanks.

As a reminder, please see the attached link with advice on what to do if you are worried about a child / member of the household who displays COVID -19 symptoms:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

FACE MASKS

Further to the email sent out before half term, the Local Authority have asked all schools in Barnsley to request parents / carers to wear face coverings at drop off and pick up time to ensure that we continue to protect all members of the public and our NHS service given the significant rise and transmission in cases we have seen recently. It is important to remember that Coronavirus usually spreads by droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking. These droplets can also be picked up from surfaces. This is why wearing a face covering, along with social distancing and regular hand washing is so important. Many thanks for your support with this.



My face covering protects you, your face covering protects me



Asymptomatic Coronavirus
(COVID-19) carrier



Infection risk
HIGH



Asymptomatic Coronavirus
(COVID-19) carrier



Infection risk
LOW



Asymptomatic Coronavirus
(COVID-19) carrier



Infection risk
VERY LOW

#KeepingBarnsleyMoving



Halloween Disco

Just a reminder that we will be holding class bubble 'Halloween' discos this week. On the day of their disco (see dates below), the children can come to school wearing Halloween costumes (no scary face masks please) or non-uniform. All we ask is for a donation of £2.00 please which will go towards the cost of refreshments and school fund.



The dates for each class are as follows:

- Wednesday 4th November 2020 - Class 3, 4 and 5
- Friday 6th November - Class 1 and 2

Parents' Evenings

Virtual parents' evenings will take place via Microsoft Teams from week beginning 9th November. Please can I ask that if you have not requested a time slot you do so as soon as possible by returning the slip or emailing r.laslett@oxspringprimary.co.uk. Dates and times will be confirmed in the next few days and instructions on how to access the meetings will be shared shortly. Any parents / carers who are unable to access Microsoft Teams will be asked to contact their child's class teacher to arrange an alternative approach.

Finally, I just wanted to let you know that I am currently working from home this week as I am self-isolating. In the meantime, Mrs Rolling and the staff team will welcome all the children back to school for the start of the second half term. Please do not hesitate to contact me however if you have any questions, worries or concerns.

Stay safe and well.

Warmest regards

Sharon Irwin