

11th November 2020

Dear parents,

Term 2 update

I would like to start by saying a massive thank you. In these unprecedented times, which have been challenging for each and every one of you (for many different reasons), we have so far all managed to stay safe and well. While we are working hard in school to keep your children as safe as possible, there is no doubt in my mind that your support in keeping your children safe out of school time is contributing hugely to our Covid case record so far, which stands at 0. In addition to this, so many of you have found time to complement the work of staff in school at parents evening. Every teacher made a point of finding me this morning to tell me about the positive conversations that they had had with you all and how supportive you have been with regard to everything we are trying to achieve in school. Kind words and gestures are going a long way in supporting the wellbeing of staff which, as you can imagine at times of uncertainty and a responsibility to keep your children safe is often challenged.

Residentials

Just a little reminder, that if your child was booked on to the Lower Grange farm trip which was cancelled last year, you can provide us with your bank details so that we can issue you with a refund, reflecting the monies you paid towards the trip. You should send these details to: office@hollingbourne.kent.sch.uk . Thank you so much to the parents who have offered their payment as a donation to the school. If you would like to do the same, please let us know! If you have not asked for the refund by Christmas, we will assume you want to donate your payment to the school.

Kingswood have not refunded us our trip money, which has resulted in us liaising with KCC to try and claim our losses through insurance. I am chasing this every other day, but await an outcome.

Christmas plays

As a school, we have made the decision to postpone any play for Cherry and Beech Class until later in the year. While I realise a future play will not be nativity based, it will mean the children will hopefully not miss out on a performance and have their chance to shine on stage! We will of course build up the festivities so that the children still have a strong sense of Christmas in class!

Donations for Christmas

Thank you to those parents who have already made a contribution to support our Christmas creativities. I have booked a date with each class to make Christmas decorations. On these days, please ensure you child is dressed in old, warm clothes! We are likely to work for most of the day outside!

Cherry- 20th November
Beech- 30th November AM (Year 2)/ 4th December PM (Year 1)
Pine- 11th December
Oak- 24th November

Thank you once again!

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