

# Bloemfontein Primary School News



"Lights the Way"

## November 2020

### What we have been up to!

We work hard to make sure that all of the children have fun while they learn. Since the last newsletter we have had:

- Forest School (Y1 & Y2)
- Mini police
- Stone age workshop (Y3)
- The Daily Mile
- Autumn day pumpkins and activities in class

### Quick reminders (the bossy bit!)

Please continue to follow social distancing guidelines when picking up/dropping off and remember to wear a face covering if possible.

Please also make sure that you stick to lockdown rules – again! If school are alerted that children are mixing with others outside of school we will have to send them home as it is putting the rest of the children and staff at risk. I will need to be strict on this!

Please, please, please remember to STICK to the correct drop off/pick up times. It is so, so important.

If your child has any symptoms or been in contact with anyone who has tested positive please keep them off and ring me for advice.

Welcome back to the start of the new half term and it is lovely to see the positive attitude of all of the children on coming back to school – they are really trying hard and behaviour is exceptional! It is also fantastic to have Reception and Class 2 back as I have missed them all.

I can't begin to express how grateful I am to you all for your amazing support. I know it has been a challenging half term with bubbles having to close and I am really sorry for this. You have all been incredible and completely understanding – I am genuinely so grateful! Risk assessments continue to be in place with children only coming into contact with their own bubbles, staggered start/finish/lunch/playtimes, handwashing until we are all spotless and one-way systems in school. The children have adapted so well to the new school rules and you should all be so proud of them – they are absolute superstars!

I know that the run up to Christmas will not be as it usually is and I am so sorry that the parents are missing out on coming into school for our usual events. We will make sure the children have lots of festive fun and that you get to see the pictures of their smiley faces!

Please take care, stay safe and keep smiling!

*Laura Liddell - Headteacher*

### Healthy Lunch Ideas

There has definitely been an increase in the number of children having packed lunches in school. Please try and make the lunches as healthy as possible as some children are having lots of sugar which makes them go a bit hyper and doesn't help their concentration in the afternoon.

Three healthy ideas spotted in packed lunches this month:

1. Chunks of cheese and halves of grapes
2. Pot of fruit salad
3. Yoghurts (even though Mrs Liddell gets squirted when she opens them!)

## Remembrance Day



Unfortunately, this year we won't be able to sell poppies the way we usually do with our trusted helpers going around classes. Instead, we've sent out a letter with a list of the poppy products we have in school and an order form. If you would like a poppy, or any other items, please fill out the order form and return it to school with your money. You can bring in your form anytime during the rest of this week or next week too. We will be having a one minutes silence in school on Wednesday All donations will go to the British Legion – Bloemfontein remembers.

## Book Fair



The book fair will be with us for the week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have parents come into school as we usually would. Travelling Books who provide our book fair will be deep cleaning the book cases between each school delivery. They will also be providing a pre-browse downloadable order form rather than having children browse the book in school to help us maintain our social distancing and class bubbles. We will be sending out a letter to remind parents and also attaching an order form (so don't worry about printing it yourselves!)

Hopefully there will be some lovely ideas for Christmas pressies and we will also use this opportunity to re-stock the school library. I will be asking the children for ideas of books/authors they would like in school.

## Children in Need

Pudsey Day and World Kindness Day are both on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November! Children can come in Pudsey clothes, red and yellow, or PJs and we will be doing activities and challenges in classes all day.

We have a limited number of Pudsey ears for sale (first come first served) and also some Children in Need silicon wrist bands. The same as our Poppy sale, we will be sending out an order form to fill out and bring back to school with your money.

## Internet Safety

Recently there have been some concerns over WhatsApp messaging. Please remember to keep an eye on **who** your child is talking to on all social media-based chat apps. More importantly remind them to be kind and think of how their words may affect others before sending/posting.

Another area of concern is the growing popularity of the new online game Among Us and the chat feature on this game. Please see the attached guide for parents for all relevant information.

As always, if you have any concerns please contact the school for guidance

## Important Dates

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability Week (Year 6)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	World Kindness Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety Week
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Book Fair (all week)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Jabs (whole School)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner (CHILDREN ONLY)
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Back to School</b>

## Well being

As we head into another lockdown, (in the dark, cold winter months no less!) looking after our well-being will be absolutely key. I know it will be hard to do, but we must all try to stay positive and also look out for others who may be struggling. It's always good to talk!

Some websites with top tips:

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/top-tips-to-improve-your-mental-wellbeing/>

<https://www.giveusashout.org/>

We have funding available for Christmas food hampers. If you feel this is something that would help please contact me either through dojo or email and I will sort this for you. It is obviously completely confidential and please do not be proud!