



Thursday 12th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Daily Mile**

Exercise has an enormously positive impact on children and adults well-being. It is something I enjoy regularly and certainly helps me stay positive and keeps me fit at the same time. Last year, we gave the children the opportunity to regularly run, jog or walk for ten to fifteen minutes most days. We are going to continue this opportunity this year with staff logging class distances covered as part of a local competition called 'Hit the Ground Running.' As a result of this, we would like children from Y1 to Y6 to continue to come to school in their normal uniform apart from their PE day where they wear PE kit and **bring a pair of trainers each day to complete this regular running or jogging activity.** If children don't bring trainers, they will be able to do the activity but they will need to walk for safety reasons rather than running.

### **Anti-Bullying**

We have worked regularly with Rotherham's Anti-Bullying Company and Ann Foxley-Johnson over the last few years to support our understanding of what bullying is and what it is not and developing the culture of telling in school so that children's concerns can be addressed quickly. Each year, Ann has come into school to work with each class and sometimes parents groups to support our work in this area. This year it will be done remotely on the morning of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November with a member of the Anti-Bullying Company talking to each class and teacher, the children will then engage in follow-up activities in their classes that day to support their understanding of anti-bullying. Staff will update families through Dojo Class Story after Tuesday.

### **Fundraising and Reading**

Thank you to the whole school community for the huge response to the sponsored reading challenge. Thank you also to Mrs Wilby but particularly Mrs Atkin in school for their efforts to organise this event. We will text out the final figure raised but it is already clear that it will provide an opportunity to provide even more books for the children which is amazing. Thank you for your support.

It is great to know that so many children are reading regularly at home from the diaries which are returned to school on a weekly basis. This is supporting your child's imagination, vocabulary and love of and ability to read which are all very important skills. If your child hasn't been reading regularly at home, please start to do this. Contact your child's class teacher through Dojo if you would like support with reading at home.

### **Breakfast Club Parking**

If you are dropping children off at breakfast club, please don't park on the school drive or block the drive to the Church Lads' Brigade next to the school site so that everyone can stay safe from vehicles.

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**Parents' Evening**

Thank you to parents and carers of children from Year 1 to Year 6 for making themselves available for the discussions during last week and this week to celebrate the children's successes and what they will be learning next. If you would like to provide feedback on the telephone calls, please email [school@wce.jmat.org.uk](mailto:school@wce.jmat.org.uk) by 20.11.20 using the headings below and showing your child's class in the email.

- What was useful/successful about the meetings?
- What could we do in the event of further telephone meetings to make the meetings even better?

**Covid Secure Measures**

Thank for your on-going support with our more robust measures around the school site. It is much appreciated and will support our desire to make children and adults as safe as possible. In the morning or after school, once you have dropped off or collected your child, please leave the site immediately and refrain from congregating outside the school gates so that you aren't in contact with people outside your family group. Please continue to follow the guidance on self-isolation in the 'what to do if' document which was sent out previously but is attached again for reference. If you have more than one child in school and one of their class bubbles close, you are still able to bring the sibling whose bubble has not closed to school unless someone in the household develops symptoms. If this creates any challenges for your family if bubbles close, please contact me immediately on 01709 760471 so we can provide your family with the best advice whilst keeping all members of the school community safe.

**Dinner money**

Can we please ask that payments are made within the week of requesting school dinners for year groups 3-6 or provide a packed lunch until payment is made as school cannot carry debt. If you require any help with the schoolmoney online payment system please contact the school office on 01709 760471.

Yours sincerely

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