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Re: Updates/ Messages

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As the half term holiday approaches, I would like to pass on my gratitude to all parents, children and staff for making the return to school a calm and successful one. It is a credit to everyone that we have managed to get to this stage in the term (since lock down) without any major disruption to the children's learning. As you will be aware due to the pandemic, this week has been challenging one, not just for us but for a number of other schools in the area. Despite all of this, the children are continuing to flourish both in school and at home and are coming in smiling and eager to learn, just the same as any other year. With the number of cases in the area increasing, please be reassured that our risk assessment is under constant review and the decision to close any bubbles is made in conjunction with the local authority public health team. **If there are any positive cases amongst pupils during the half term holiday it is vital that you email school (staindropce@durhamlearning.net),** so that we can make the appropriate arrangements.

After reviewing our protocols with lunch time arrangements, children will now be able to bring in their own packed lunch boxes to school after the half term holiday. These lunch boxes will need to be brought to school in a plastic carrier bag, hung on individual pegs and must be taken home every night to be sanitized.

At the beginning of this month we reduced the drop off window from 8:45am-9:15am to 8:45am-9:05am as it was working very effectively. In light of this, could I please remind parents that if your children are being dropped off, that they are **dropped off no earlier than 8:45am**. We are running a breakfast club which operates from 7:45am-9:00am should this be needed.

After half term we will be reducing the pick up window from 2:45pm-3:15pm to 2:55pm-3:15pm (Surnames A-J (2:55pm-3:05pm) K-Z (3:05pm-3:15pm))

Please could parents also refrain from parking in the car park at any time of day as children may be walking through it to enter or leave the site.

We have been trialing an after school club (similar to breakfast club) for the last two weeks. This has proven to be successful, so this will continue after half term with the same timings. If you would like to book your child into after school club, please contact Mrs French in the school office.

Finally I would like to pass on my best wishes to Mrs Boyd, who leaves tomorrow. I am sure she will enjoy her well deserved retirement.

If you have any questions relating to any of the above or have any other queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Mr Whelerton

Head Teacher

