



Friday 5th November 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2, another busy one with the run up to Christmas. I am writing this week with the usual round up of information and news.

Carbon Dioxide Monitors

We have this week received carbon dioxide monitors from the DFE which have been placed in classrooms. These are to make sure we are keeping the classrooms ventilated properly to try and prevent the spread of covid. This does of course mean that we will have to keep windows open which does affect the temperature in the classrooms. Please make sure your child/ren have enough layers to keep warm. Children will also need coats outside now please.

Miss Killick

Platts Heath will be closed on Monday 15th November to allow all the staff to attend Miss Killick's funeral. Some other staff from across Aspire will also want to attend so please bear with us on that day if your child's usual class teacher is not in school. This has been a very hard time for the staff particularly at Platts Heath and we are grateful to the parents for their support and to KCC for allowing us to close the school, to enable her colleagues to pay their respects.

Forest Schools

A letter has been sent this week providing the details of when each year group will be visiting Bearsted Woods for a day to complete Forest School activities. We are appreciative of parental support with lifts to and from the venue as with only one minibus for the four schools, transport is tricky. Please ensure you complete the form attached to the letter and return it so that your child can take part in the Forest Schools day. Your child will need to be dressed appropriately for the weather on the day they visit as they will be outside.

Homework Menus

Homework menus will be sent out by class teachers by the end of next week. A reminder that three tasks need to be completed by each child by the end of term. Homework books are due to class teachers by Monday 13th December 2021.

Bonfire night - Friday 5th November

Personally I love fireworks, but tend to go to an organised display. If you are having fireworks at home below is some safety information from the BBC Newsround website.

Firework safety

Every year on Bonfire Night there are hundreds of accidents across the UK, and lots of them happen to children.

Fireworks can be very dangerous and that's why safety is the most important thing when it comes to having a display.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) say adults should deal with fireworks and that children should watch from a safe distance.

Pets often get very frightened by fireworks, so watch out for them too. You might want to keep all your pets indoors and close all the curtains.

Sparkler safety

- **Never** put them in your pocket
- **Never** pick one up off the floor
- Make sure an adult is always present
- Light them one at a time
- Wear gloves
- Hold them at arm's length
- When it goes out, put the hot end in a bucket of water. Otherwise it could still burn you.

Wishing you all lovely family weekends,

Kind regards,

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