

## **NEWSLETTER 3 – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Dear Parents, Pupils & Governors,

**Covid-19 Awareness** – We are all working hard to ensure our school community is safe for everyone and ask for your full support to allow us to achieve this. Please exit the school grounds as soon as you have collected your children and do not socialise on our site or allow children to play in groups on the grass areas. A 2 metre distance should be maintained between each of you and due to the recent increase in confirmed Covid cases **we now require that all adults wear a face covering while you are on the school site.** Our Covid-19 return to school risk assessment is available on our school website along with a Covid-19 addendum to our School Behaviour Policy.

**Romans** - Children in Year 5 and 6 have been finding out about Emperor Claudius and the Roman invasion of Britain in their topic on Ancient Rome. They have taken part in a drama activity where they argued the cases for and against the invasion.

**Achievement Certificates** – We would like children to continue to be able to celebrate their achievements outside school in our Class Collective Worship. Children can bring in achievement certificates or trophies to their class on Fridays and share with their teacher and classmates.

**Coats** – A number of children are coming to school this week without coats – please make sure they bring one each day even if the weather is mild.

**Data Collection Sheets and Consent Forms** – Thank you to all the parents who have sent in their signed forms. We have sent home duplicate copies this week to those children who have not yet returned theirs. Please complete the forms and return to school on Monday.

**Sims Pay** - We are no longer accepting cash in the office (except in exceptional circumstances) and all payments should be made securely online using SIMS Pay. Please contact the office if you require an activation code for online payments.

### **School Meals**

- We will be serving a Pupil Favourites lunch menu on Thurs 1<sup>th</sup> Oct - Pizza or Fish fingers served with Diced Potato, Broccoli and Sweetcorn. The dessert will be Chocolate Shortbread, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit.
- If your financial circumstances have changed recently you may be entitled to claim Welfare Free School Meals. Please go to <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals> for further information.

**Book of the Week** – Children in Year 3 and 4 have been reading ‘Horrid Henry’ by Francesca Simon. Horrid Henry is a boy who throws food, he snatches things, he pushes, shoves and pinches and he has a younger brother called Perfect Peter.....

**Mr A Simms**



Dear Parents

Our school participates in a jointly run operation called Operation Encompass in partnership with Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police. Many other schools in Warwickshire will also be participating in the scheme.

Operation Encompass is a way of working initially developed in south-west England that is already operating successfully in a number of other Local Authority areas. Its objective is to help schools provide support to children who are affected by incidents of domestic violence and abuse.

There is a great deal of research evidence that children can suffer significant physical and/or emotional harm when they are present during, witness or are directly involved in incidents of domestic violence and abuse.

The Operation Encompass process is simply that after any incident of domestic violence or abuse attended by the Police, the Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead at the school attended by any child in the household will receive a confidential and secure Email on the morning of the next school day.

The Email will only inform the Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead that the Police have attended an incident and will request that the school is mindful of that in their care and responses to the child throughout the school day. The school will not be informed about the specific details of the incident. The only exception would be when Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police deem the incident to be a child protection matter that requires further investigation. Information would then be shared with the school as part of Warwickshire County Council's child protection checks and investigation, which is current practice and will not be changed by Operation Encompass.

The Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead have entered into a formal agreement with Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police to use the information shared to make sure that the right support is available for children who are present during, witness or are directly involved in an incident of domestic violence or abuse. This means that the school will also be in a position to offer parents and carers support as appropriate.

The confidential information shared securely with the school will be managed and stored with

the utmost sensitivity and discretion. We want to assure all parents and carers that only the nominated Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and I will see the information shared with the school. We will then use the notification discretely to ensure that teachers and other staff directly in contact with affected children support them with due kindness, care and sensitivity.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact Miss Hickman and we will be happy to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Simms