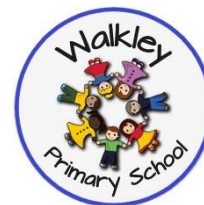


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'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'

7.12.20

Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID Update: Information for parents:

Office staff self isolation

As you will be aware we are running a limited service in the office. The office staff are self isolating at home, but are able to access all necessary systems that they would use in school. However, although the pastoral team will be in the office to answer the telephone during the day, the very nature of their job means that they will be around school. We are only able to offer a reduced service for the next two weeks, so strongly advise that you contact us via enquiries.

Crates arriving

The crates have arrived and packing is beginning and what an exciting but unbelievable job this is proving to be. Although decanting over the past few months, we have still managed to hoard so much clutter, that this is probably the wake up call that we need to get rid of even more....

Parking

Once again, we are having problems with erratic and inconsiderate parking putting the lives of pupils and parents in danger. Please remember to park considerately if you drive to school. We will be having a massive promotion to walk, cycle and scoot to school in the New Year. With over 120 parents opting to drive to school to drop off and pick up pupils in a ten minute window, there is obviously going to be difficulties parking close to the school.

Spreading happiness to our community

Still showing our love and care for the community, this year we have targeted two care homes as many residents have not been able to see their families this year. We are in the process of getting the first names of all the residents so that we can send them a personal Christmas card and we are also providing small individual gifts. Twelve children will accompany Mrs. Leverton, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Clements to these homes to deliver (socially distanced of course) our gifts and hopefully Walkley will be able to wave our love and thoughts to people through the window. Both homes will also receive access to our children's virtual performances which we hope will brighten their Christmas immensely.

Flu vaccinations

The nasal vaccinations for our pupils take place Thursday 10th December.

Christmas Jumper Day

Another excuse to dress up, Christmas Jumper Day will be held on Friday 11th December. Donations to Save the Children Charity can be made in the usual manner at drop off time.

Christmas Cards

Children can send cards to their friends in school. We ask that cards are placed into a tray that will be provided in each classroom and they will be ready to delivered to their rightful owner either the same afternoon or the next day.

Santa Claus

As the children have been so good this year, Santa Claus **has** decided to visit Walkley although he wishes to remain in the playground to ensure that he social distances before Christmas Eve. All of our children will be able to see him across the playground as he makes his way around school.

FSM Vouchers

Every FSM eligible child will receive a £35 voucher for the two-week Christmas holiday period. This is made up of £15 per week to cover food and £5 per child towards energy costs. All children who are currently eligible for FSM and registered for FSM up to 24th December will be eligible to benefit from this scheme.

Sheffield City Council aim to have the voucher letters distributed to parents by first class post on the week **commencing 7th December**, as this gives time for parents to raise any queries, and gives time before schools close for Christmas for us to support our families if necessary. After looking at the market for other voucher providers, and having considered schools' feedback, Sheffield City Council have decided to use Edenred again for the Christmas FSM vouchers:

- Parents and schools are familiar with Edenred – they have used the Edenred website to download FSM vouchers during the Summer and October half term, and are familiar with the two stage process of entering a 16-digit eCode and downloading a voucher
- Edenred give the parent a choice of 8 supermarkets: Aldi, Tesco, Asda, Morrison's, Sainsburys, Waitrose, M&S, and Iceland
- There are links to user guides on the Edenred website for parents

The FSM Voucher helpline will be available on **0114 2734567** and can offer help to parents experiencing difficulties with their eCodes or with general FSM enquiries.

Kind regards

Val Sian