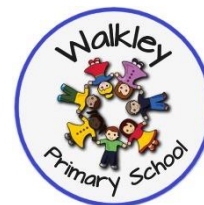


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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID Update: Information for parents:

National Lockdown 5th November – 2nd December

With the Government announcement that the country will begin a National Lockdown this week, we will keep you updated about any impacts to our school and community. This directly impacts on our ability to provide before and after school provision as we continue to work in bubbles. However, we are delighted that we remain open to our children as we begin our final few weeks in Burnaby and Tennyson before the big move!

Office

Unfortunately, some parents are still turning up at the office without making an appointment. For the safety of our staff, we ask that if you need to visit the office, **that you make a pre - arranged appointment by phone**, before coming on site. Thank you.

Children in Need

We will be holding our Children in Need Day on Friday 13th November. Our children will be asked to wear yellow and/or spotty clothing and our newly elected school council (election results to be announced this Wednesday) will be responsible for organising the safe events for the day. Children in Need donations of any amount are welcome via SIMS Pay, our online payment system: <https://www.sims-pay.co.uk/Home>

Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Due to national lockdown, Zest will be closing on Wednesday 4th November. Therefore, today will be the last swimming session for Fantastic Foxes until further notice.

Face Masks on site

It is the school preference that parents wear face masks on site to reduce the risk of transmission to children, parents and staff and we respectfully request your support in lowering the opportunity for transmission on site. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Training Days

All of our remaining training days, plus one extra day will be used in the move into the new build. School is closed to children on Friday 18th Dec until 7th January. Pupils can join us from Friday 8th January. There are no more scheduled school closures for the remainder of this academic year.

School Photograph Orders To Be Returned To School By Tuesday 3rd November 2020

There is no obligation to buy photographs, but should you wish to purchase please order by the above date.

Order Online

Visit Tempest website at www.tempest-orders.co.uk and enter your reference number and web access code.

Complete your order online within 7 working days for free Post & Packaging back to school

Order On Your Form

Complete your form and return it to school with payment in the envelope provided by the 3rd November 2020. Please remember to add your child's name and class along with the amount of your order to the front of the envelope.

You can still order photographs after the deadline but a £5.00 postage/late order fee will apply.

Harvest Festival

Once again, the Walkley community has come together to provide a wonderful harvest for those in need of extra support in the coming months. On Wednesday 21st October your kind donations were handed over to the S6 foodbank. Thank you so much for your very kind and generous donations. Pupils in school have been treated to a harvest assembly filled with the making of scarecrows, baking cherry pies and making fruit smoothies. All done virtually through Google Meet! The staff also took part in a quiz to gain their class more class-wide rewards.

We are always delighted to support the S6 foodbank. It does such a valuable and important job in our local community. All the way through lockdown and into the new school year we have been able to donate produce that would have been used for Breakfast Club and in the Junk Food Stall on a Friday.

Also, in school we have built a food bank of our own available to any parent or Walkley family that need a little bit more. Please call the school office and ask for a member of the pastoral team to call you back in the strictest confidence. We really want to help.

Once again thank you all so much, it truly is an incredible achievement at such a challenging time for us all.

Friends of Walkley Primary School

Friends of Walkley Primary School includes parents, friends and staff of Walkley Primary School and is open to anyone. It is run by a group of parents who coordinate meetings, emails and events. Over the past few years they have organised and supported school events such as the Christmas and Summer Fairs, the Musical Extravaganza and Carols in the Playground. Friends of Walkley aim to help raise funds for school and also to support the Walkley School community.

FOW usually meet at school once a half term in the evening and/or after drop in on a Friday. However, due to Covid restrictions they are going to be meeting over zoom for the next few months. FOW would really love to see anyone who fancies coming along on **November 9th from 8pm to 9pm**. We'll chat over what we've done before and plan some ideas for fundraising for the new school. You can contribute or just listen if you'd prefer; it is an informal meeting with a welcoming group of parents! If you'd like to come to the zoom meeting use the link below or the meeting ID (there is no password).

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 851 3760 8574

Winter is coming....

The DFE are still directing quite rightly that classrooms should be well ventilated. As the temperature drops, children (and staff) may wish to wear more layers to keep warm, although we request that school uniform is still visible

Flu vaccinations for pupils

Nasal flu vaccinations for pupils will take place on Thursday 10th December. These will take place in school and be administered by Sheffield School Nurse team. More information to follow after half term.

School Closure Reminder

It will be the last day for pupils on Thursday **17th Dec 2020**. and the new school, will reopen to pupils on **Friday 8th January 2021**. **You will receive details of drop off and pick up arrangements in late December.**

Kind regards

The Walkley Team