

Dear Parents

I am relieved to have reached half term without another lockdown. As you were informed yesterday, we assume that we will be back after half term on 2nd November but the children will be bringing some books home should the Government delay schools returning to school on this date. All being well, the children will need to bring all those books back to school on 2nd November.

A measure of our success with keeping in pods is that a recent chicken pox outbreak stayed in one class!

Mrs Baumhauer and I enjoyed seeing and judging all the wonderfully and imaginatively carved and painted pumpkins this morning. It really was tough to decide but the winners are: Lucas in Kindergarten, Stevie-Lee in Reception, Reuben in Y1, Mary in Y3, Benjamin in Y4, Frances in Y5 and Clarissa in Y6. Congratulations to them, and to all who entered a pumpkin.

During half term Mrs Martin, our new school secretary, will be getting to grips with the office systems ready for November. I am very grateful to Miss Stevens who has been doing so much in the office this half term, not to mention being outside every morning to 'zap' and sanitise.

The first of the drop in coffee mornings/ after school virtual meetings will be 2nd November. Zoom invitations were on last week's newsletter.

Year 4 had a lively Ancient Greek day yesterday, they had great fun and enjoyed Greek activities and food.



Lamda (drama lessons) stopped because of Covid. These are going to be available again but lessons shared between two children from the same pod. These will be on Thursdays at 4.00, 4.30, 5.00 or 5.30 pm. Please email me if you are interested. There is also an option to have individual Lamda lessons during school time. Piano lessons have resumed and guitar and singing lessons are in the offing. Year 3 are unable to have violin lessons just now but one of their two music lessons will be recorder after half term, as learning the recorder in Year 2 came to an abrupt halt with Covid. They will need to bring in their named recorder after half term please.

Best wishes,

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