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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the half term draws to a close, we would like to inform you of some changes and some additional information that will be implemented after October Half Term.

Change to Pick Up Times

Following feedback from parents/carers, we have reviewed our end of day arrangements and have decided to make a slight change to the 3.30pm finish time at the end of the school day. The children who have been finishing school at 3.30pm this half term, will now finish at 3.25pm. There will be no change to the finish time for the 3.15pm collection time. Siblings in classes that finish at 3.15pm, will be positioned at the end of the line, and siblings in classes that finish at 3.25pm, will be positioned at the front of the line, to accommodate the 3.25pm sibling collection time. This will ensure that children are waiting outside for a shorter period, in potentially cold/wet weather.

Ventilation

It is important, due to Covid-19, that we keep the classrooms, offices and communal areas in the school well ventilated, so we will need to keep windows and, at times (weather dependant), the external doors open. Obviously, the weather is becoming colder and we are mindful that some children will feel the cold more than others. After October Half Term, if you would like to send your child to school wearing additional layers (thermal base layers under their uniform and/or a fleece on top of their uniform), we are more than happy for you to do this. We ask, where possible, that the fleece is either grey or red, but understand that you may not have a fleece in these colours. A thick, waterproof, winter coat (with a hood) will be needed daily.

School Bags

Children who have a packed lunch from home, have been bringing a small backpack in recent weeks. We can now extend this to all children in school. Again, as the weather becomes colder, children will need to wear hats/gloves etc to school and we are mindful that these items will need to be stored safely. Please only send bags that measure 30cm x 30 cm (maximum) as we have limited space on coat pegs. ALL items must be stored inside the bag (including the lunch 'box') and the bag must have a loop on the top so that it can be hung on your child's peg.

Data Collection Forms

Your child will be bringing home a Data Collection Form. We would normally have sent these out for completion at the beginning of September. We feel that we are now in a position to be able to do this safely, as you will be able to 'quarantine' the form over half term and then complete and return it (in your child's rucksack) to school, where we will quarantine them, prior to processing them. Please make sure that you complete the form in full and return it to school on Monday 2nd November.

School Meals

Freshstart and the school kitchen will be providing a full service from Monday 2nd November 2020. Please log onto the Freshstart website to order your child's meals. The deadline for ordering for week beginning 2nd November is 27th October 2020. Children (apart from Nursery and Reception) will continue to eat their meals in the classroom. It is important that, when selecting a meal option for your child, you are sure that it is something they will like, as we won't be able to offer an alternative as we do sometimes when the children are all in the hall. If you have not yet registered with Freshstart, please email Miss Cooper at admin@endonhall.staffs.sch.uk

Poppies

As in previous years, we will be supporting the British Legion and will be selling poppies in school from week beginning 2nd November. If you and your child would like to support this charity, please log onto your Parent Pay account to make a donation. Once your donation has been received, the class teacher will give your child a poppy to bring home with them. Many thanks for your support with this worthy charity.

Shoe box appeal

In the past we have supported the Samaritans by getting involved with their Shoe box appeal. We are confident that we can do this again this year, with a little additional planning and precaution. The boxes are yet to be delivered but we're aware that they will need to be collected mid-November. Therefore, in order to be involved AND to quarantine items in between, we'd like to suggest that parents/carers who would like to participate send their items into school in a bag during the first week back (wk bg 2nd November). We will then quarantine the bags, before they are transferred into boxes, which the Samaritans will then collect. You can also build a shoebox online, please see <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/important-covid-19-updates/> for more information on this. Bags must be labelled with 'Shoe box appeal' and who the items are intend for (gender/age or 'either'). Many thanks for your support with this worthy charity.

Harvest

Any traditional Harvest celebrations have been unable to take place this Autumn. However, we would really like to support local food banks instead. Therefore, if parents/carers would like to send in non-perishable products during the first week back (wk bg 2nd November), we will quarantine them before distributing to local food banks. Many thanks for your support with this.

HSE Inspection

On Tuesday 20th October, we received a visit from the Health & Safety Executive, to check all the systems and control measures that we have in school. We are pleased to informed you that the Inspector was very pleased with everything that we are doing in school in order to keep everyone in our school community safe.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support in these times of continued challenge. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable half term.

Yours sincerely,



Miss V Lewis
Headteacher