

Pilgrim Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you after what has been quite an unsettling week for all of us. I have spoken to many parents and carers over the last few days and I want to reassure you that the safety of our pupils and staff continues to be our number one priority. We will continue to do everything we can to ensure that school is a safe environment for everyone and continue to follow all guidance and procedures from the Department for Education and Public Health England in order to ensure that school is the safest environment it can possibly be for your children.

I would like to remind you of the importance of maintaining a safe social distance (2 m) and wearing face coverings, both when on and around the school site (including outside the school gates). If you ever need a face cover, please ask a member of staff who will be happy to provide you with a disposable face mask.

Thank you all for your continued understanding of our need to ensure that these protective protocols are followed.

Children in Need

Last week our children and staff came to school in bold and bright colours to raise some money for Children in Need. We managed to raise **£306.50** which is a fantastic amount. We had some really generous amounts donated and I would like to say thank you to all who gave money for this charity. The children all really enjoyed the day too.

Brian Pollard Art Competition

Brian has been busy judging all of the competition entries and he is really impressed with the standard of art work and the designs that have been sent in so much so that he has increased the number of prizes! The prizes are in the process of being prepared and as soon as we have them in school, we will be announcing the competition winners.

Parking around the school

I appreciate that parking around school is problematic but we are continuing to have complaints from local residents and other parents about parking at pick up and drop off times.

Please can I ask you to take notice of all the traffic signs and markings (Zig-Zags, double yellow lines, etc.) and to consider the safety of the parents and pupils who are using the paths and roads at our busy times. Please **DO NOT MOUNT THE PAVEMENT** with vehicles as this often blocks pathways, forcing people onto the roads – it also upsets the residents with cars being parked directly up against their windows.

On Penrose Street particularly, please do not block the side lane/alley opposite the gate being used for Year 5/6 at the moment. Some of the residents park their cars behind the houses and need access in/out of the lane at all times. If cars are parked over the entrance then residents cannot get out.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Term Dates

I am sending home another copy of the dates for the year with this Newsletter. Nothing has changed since it was last sent but I have had a few parents ask me about term dates so I thought it might be useful for everyone. Dates are also available on our website too.

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Celebration Certificates

The following children have been awarded a certificate in our assemblies since the last Newsletter:

| | Pat on The Back w/e 06/11/2020 | Star Learner Award w/e 13/11/2020 | Pat on The Back w/e 20/11/2020 |
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| Year 1 | Oskar C / Flo C | Ty J / Jack E | Maizie-Mae G |
| Year 2 | Albee T / Maddison A | Yihan C / Harley W | Jai-Reece J / Jake S |
| Year 3 | Kidd C / Yobile A | Sophia J / Isabella A | Charlie P / Mia M-W |
| Year 4 | Jenson W / Denise D | Piotr B / Mariam A | River G / Anya H |
| Year 5 | Buddy C / Clay C & Lacey J | Jake W-K / Melody L | Roxy H / Jemima T |
| Year 6 | Myles G / Issabelle W | Cerys E / Daley C | All the Falcons / Simone M-G |

Well done to all these children for all their hard work and efforts!

Wishing you all a good weekend,

Mrs Lisa Meek