



NEWSLETTER

DATE October 2020

UP COMING DATES

09.10.20

Mental Health Awareness Day
(school) *National Day Sat 10th*

23.10.20

Flu Vaccination (R – Y6)

Week commencing 19.10.20

October Celebrations

See information



Foodbank Collection

*We are collecting tinned and dried food goods to donate to the local foodbank as part of our harvest celebrations. **Please bring any donations to the main entrance of school where items can be left for collection by school staff.***

Twitter

If you have not already done so, please follow your child's class and the [school account](#):

OPAD_Nursery1
OPAD_Reception
OPAD_Year1
OPAD_Year2
OPAD_Year3_
OPAD_Year4
OPAD_Year5_
OPAD_Year6
[OPA_Darfield](#)

To give your consent for your child's involvement on Twitter, please complete the following form ASAP:

<https://forms.gle/kbSqyL6AA87DQgFPA>



October Celebrations

As a staff, we are very conscious of the chaotic times that are being faced by our children at the moment and how resilient they have been towards adapting to the changes both in school and in society. As a reward for their resilience and in place of our annual Halloween disco and Harvest Festivities we are planning an October celebration.

Class Scarecrow Competition

From Monday 19th, class scarecrows will be displayed around the school for you to judge as you drop off or collect your children (via an online voting).

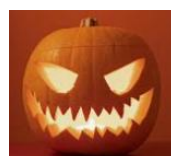
Pumpkin Carving Competition

Children can enter a pumpkin carving competition. Pumpkins should be brought in on Thursday 22nd and placed on the windowsill outside their classroom (names need to be visible). Children will then vote for these in classes. The winners will be announced on Friday 23rd and pumpkins can be taken home at the end of this day.

Halloween Fancy Dress

We would like to invite children to come in to school in 'school appropriate' Halloween fancy dress on Friday 23rd. Normal lessons will resume in the morning but then in the after children will be able to have a Halloween 'party' and complete Halloween themed activities

All activities taking place will be within the school's Covid Risk Assessment.



School Crossing Patrol

As I am sure you are aware, we are without a school crossing patrol at the moment and we are unsure of when (or if) this service will resume.

This is a service that is provided by the local council (not school) and they are unable to provide alternative cover.

Unfortunately, school staff are not trained or insured to stop traffic that is not on school premises. Therefore, could we please ask that you ensure the safe crossing of your children at the start and the end of the school day.

We appreciate that the road is very busy at these peak times and that the lack of this service is a concern. With this in mind, can we also ask that you are mindful of pedestrians when parking and pulling out on to the road just outside of school.

Attendance

Thank you for working so co-operatively with school in terms of seeking guidance and advice for Covid related absence.

With Covid related issues removed, our current school attendance is almost 96%, which is in line with our target and almost 3% better than than our average attendance for this year.

This is fantastic! A huge well done to all our children for attending regularly and to all our parents for your commitment to your child's education.