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Update for Parents

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your ongoing support over recent weeks. We have received some heart-warming thanks from parents recognising the hard work and commitment shown by the Nightingale team in keeping everything as normal as we can whilst introducing new and exciting events to our curriculum.

Our Autumn Watch days have been a huge success with many year groups already having a day outside in our extensive grounds to explore, learn about and discover an ever-changing environment. We plan to extend this into the Spring Term with no surprises to the theme: Spring Watch. I hope too that your children have told you about our new initiative where we are competing against many other schools, virtually, in the Hampshire Games. Coach Jake is leading this and has been motivating more and more children to engage in more exercise to improve our physical health.

The week has started well with the return of Kite Class; we feel united again even though the class made a sterling effort with their remote education. It's great to have you back Kite Class!

You will know too that this half term has been a challenging one, with many staff members needing to isolate. We have been working as a strong team to minimise the impact this has had on our children and keep the school running smoothly.

A few gentle reminders, requests and updates regarding our ongoing risk assessment in school are as follows. Please know that we continue to ask you to follow these to ensure we stay within Government and Public Health guidance, and also to try and minimise risk of coronavirus transmission to keep everyone safe. Please respect our guidelines and also respect the safety of those around you.

Staggered starts and finishes

This works well and helps us in managing the amount of people on site. Many families are now dropping their Key Stage 2 children off before the gates so they can make their way into school independently. This is not only developing children's independence and confidence but also helping us to reduce the amount of people we have on site. Please continue to ensure that only one parent is dropping off or collecting children, this includes siblings from secondary schools.

Face Coverings

Thank you so much for supporting us with this. Everyone has adjusted so well, even if it has been one additional thing to remember. It has made lots of parents and staff feel safer when they are all on the playground together before and after school.

Belongings in School

Please remind your child that toys and belongings from home should not be brought into school for any reason unless it has been agreed, specified or arranged with a member of staff. Children shouldn't be bringing anything other than their lunch, a water bottle, reading/library books.

Christmas Cheer

With us all looking forward to some Christmas Cheer after a challenging year, many of us are thinking about this earlier than usual. With this in mind and everyone realising more and more the importance of thanks and good will, the children can bring in Christmas cards from 7th to 11th December. We shall ensure that they are quarantined before sharing and of course continue with our sanitising routine to allow for the safe distribution.

Messages to teachers

All our staff continue to work in partnership with parents and families to ensure the very best outcomes for your children. Please do continue to communicate with your child's class teacher via ClassDojo or quick conversations on the playground. However, please be aware that teachers need to be supervising their classes in the morning, meeting and greeting them and have strict timings to get their classes off the playground and into school. Please also be aware of their workload and the time it takes to respond to queries.

Thank you as always for your understanding and support.

Sincerely and with wishes of good health,



Mrs Hannah Beckett
Headteacher