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Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I start by writing this letter amazed at the speed in which this half term has passed by and with surprise realising that we are now half way through the school year – in fact, more than half way if counting the actual number of weeks. It has been a busy half term in school and a hard working one for our children but as always, I am pleased with their responsiveness and the hard work they have applied to their learning. They are outstanding...we are very immensely proud of them.

COVID-19 Control Measures

Following a previous letter, I now confirm that following the half term holiday, we will resume a normal school day for all children on Monday 28th February. Therefore, the times will be as follows:

8.45 – 8.55a.m. arrival at school

By 8.55a.m, all children must be seated within their classroom in readiness for the calling of the register. This is a government statutory duty and it is therefore imperative children are within class by this time in order to avoid being marked absent. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

3.15p.m. end of the school day

All children will be dismissed at this time. Again, as previously written, I wish to thank you for your support this half term with the different dismissal times, particularly when siblings have been in different year groups. This has helped to minimise possible transmission. Thank you.

Regarding the national picture, it is encouraging to hear of the falling number of cases and it is with this information that we have reviewed the school day times. Other safety controls will remain in place at the moment and will be reviewed as the rest of the school year progresses...such as children's distinct morning and lunchtime play areas and designated seating within the dining room. Following the half term holiday, we will also resume our rota for children accessing the school hall for celebration assemblies and hymn practices – whilst other classes continue to access them virtually. A cautionary approach is still being advised alongside the continual promotion of the vaccination programme. Several times during the last two years of the pandemic, I have shared with you my hope for a full and normal resuming of school routines such as curriculum workshops, open mornings, Reception Come and Play sessions and I am becoming more optimistic for these events to be planned as the year progresses.

Parent Consultations

As an advance notice, this term's parent and carer consultations will take place face to face and this will provide you with an opportunity to view your children's books and to see the wonderful progress your child/ren is/are making. Information will follow after half term for the booking of the appointments but for your diary, the dates are: Tuesday 29th March 3.30-7.00p.m. and Wednesday 30th March 3.30-5.30p.m. We will also share with you your child's attainment and progress to-date at the end of the term in the

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normal termly report sheet before receiving the more detailed and comprehensive end of year report at the end of the summer term.

Year Group Assemblies

For parents, carers and family members of Reception, Years 4 and 5, we welcome you to join us for the following 9.00a.m. assemblies:

Thursday 3rd March: Year 4 World Book Day Assembly

Thursday 24th March: Reception Mother's Day Assembly

Thursday 7th April: Year 5 The Easter Story Assembly

Further assemblies will be planned after Easter and dates will follow in due course.

School Crossing Patrol

I am aware of the concern amongst us of the worry about the crossing of Peacock Avenue without the assistance of a school crossing patrol warden. I am in regular contact with the Local Authority and as you will be aware by the advert we sent out two weeks ago, recruitment is proving to be a challenge. I have chatted to many of you about this situation and the concern this raises and have shared them with the Senior School Crossing Patrol Warden. However, I have been advised that there are other schools within the City which are located on busy A roads which therefore demand a warden's presence - more so than our school and Peacock Avenue. The advertisement remains live and if you do know of anyone, please encourage them to access the advert by the following link – thank you.

[Mobile School Crossing Patrol Warden in Wolverhampton - 113467 | WM Jobs](#)

YoWolves!

	<p>Yo! is a Local Authority-led initiative promoting half term fun activities. It is a central 'go to' site for listings of detailed activities such as outdoors sports, art and crafts, dance and music workshops, e.t.c.</p> <p>The site also details dedicated activities for children with special educational needs and disabilities.</p> <p>The web address is: www.yowolves.co.uk</p>
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Comic Relief

This year, whilst supporting Comic Relief, we would also like to support an initiative close to the heart of one of our City's Communication, Language and Literacy Advisers and their work in providing aid for the development of libraries and purchasing of books for children in Ethiopia. Therefore, as we did two years ago, we would like to invite children to wear their own clothes – a non-uniform day - for a voluntary donation of £1.00. Monies raised will be shared between the two causes. We have also bid for inclusion within the Local Authority's 'Great Video Comic Book' a sharing of either 3 jokes, a funny poem or story from children at our school. Therefore, as soon as we receive notification of our successful request for

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inclusion, I will invite children to submit their favourite jokes, poem or story to be considered for entry into the Comedy Video Book. In the meantime, the donation can be paid either in cash on Comic Relief Day or via ParentPay. Thank you for your support for both of these worthy causes. Comic Relief Day is Friday 18th March 2022.

WOW!



As the advert states, WOW is a walking to school challenge and Mrs Bristow has signed up Oak Meadow to take part in this challenge. Daily, children will be asked to record how they have arrived at school, recording the means using the interactive WOW Travel Tracker which teachers will make available within the classroom. It is intended to promote a sustainable walking, cycling or scootering to school at least one day a week. Badges can be earned for achieving this for the period of a month. I look forward to children reporting to me their alternative means of travelling to school. I thank Mrs Bristow for promoting this and hopefully we will see a reduction of 30% in car journeys which historically has been the impact of this initiative and a 23% increase in walking rates. On behalf of Mrs Bristow, thank you for your support in promoting this.

Quiz Night

Whilst ordinarily we would not promote out of school social events, I would like to share with you the following planned evening in support of Alfie, a former pupil who many of you will remember. Alfie is now in Year 7 and we miss both him and his smile but to hear of his wellbeing and parents' support for raising money for other poorly children, I would like to post the flyer opposite for your information.

Quiz Night
in aid of
Alfies Smile

Thursday 24th March
Corpus Christi Club,
Ashmore Park from 7pm

£5 per person
entry fee with a
maximum of 6
people per team

Raffle

Irish Bingo

Payments via
Paypal before the
event to keep your
place

Contact Mary Hewitt on: 07990766704,
messenger on facebook or
email: hewittmary14@gmail.com

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School Uniform

This week we have undertaken a used uniform sale and I would like to thank you for your kind donation of uniform items. Given the speed children often grow out of their uniform, many items are often barely worn and your donation helps to ensure clothes reach their natural end of life whilst also supporting families with their replacement costs. All money raised goes into School Fund and helps to subsidise school visits or to purchase consumables for children's topic work. Your kindness is valued enormously and Miss Mills and Ms Simcox are happy to receive donated items at any time until the next uniform sale.

Finally, to conclude, I trust the half term break will be a relaxing one for you and following Storm Eustace, time is enjoyed as a family.

School fully reopens to all children on Monday 28th February 2022.

Yours sincerely,

S Arnold

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