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Happy Diwali to all our families that are celebrating at this time, we hope we will be able to celebrate with you next year in school!

Dear Parents,

Diary Dates and Updates!

We have a few dates for you to put in your diary before the end of this term and whilst Christmas in school will be different, we are determined it will be festive and special for all our children.

- **Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 16th December 2020** – all children are welcome to have a dinner that day, please ring the office to book your child's meal from Monday. The meal is free for children in F2, Y1 and Y2 and £2.00 per child if they are in any other year group.
- **Christmas Party Day – Thursday 17th December 2020**– children can come in their party clothes all day, as long as they are warm. They will also need to bring a packed lunch of party food as well as their dinner, as we will not be able to share party foods from home as we have done in previous years.
- School closes for Christmas **Friday 18th December 2020** and reopens **4th January 2021**.

School Individual Photos were postponed last week due to illness and we will let you know as soon as another date can be arranged.

Year Three really enjoyed their Shadow Puppet day last week, please check the website, Year Three page for a fabulous slideshow of the children learning about the science of shadows.

Year Four and Five science workshops were postponed this week and we are trying to get these rebooked this term.

Miss Campbell, our teacher in Y2 will also be leaving us at the end of term. She has attained a permanent position in a school in Derbyshire. We wish her well on her new journey. We have secured another teacher for the class starting in January, Miss Williams. She will be in school over the next few weeks to get to know the children and ensure a smooth transition.

Parents Evening – Thank you

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your support in our phone call parent / teacher consultations this term. I appreciate your patience and thank the Hogarth teaching team for their continued dedication to ensure your children catch up with any learning loss and continue to thrive in school. I think we managed to talk with most of you, please call and book your conversation if you have not spoken with your child's class teacher yet.



We are also asking that parents **do not use** their mobile phone on school premises, this includes the drive, unless it is an emergency. This is to support safeguarding of children and adults in school and to ensure the supervision of children at all times. When we are able to have parents back in school, you will be welcome to use your phone to take photos in assembly etc.



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Keeping Safe – We are kind all the time, even one line!



Thank you to everyone who came in wore odd socks on Monday at the start of our anti bullying week. The children all have a clear understanding of what bullying is and is not. It was truly clear talking with the older children that the bullying they are most exposed to and worry about the most, is that that happens online, out of school . We have talked about what children must do if this is happening to them at home. As a result, we have made some amendments to our use of computer agreement to move with the times and reflect the fact that our children spend a lot more time online, especially at the moment.

We would ask also that as a parent you regularly check what your child is doing online, which social media apps they are using and who they talk with when gaming or online. As you will see, most of the social media sites are not appropriate for children at Hogarth to be using on their own account.

What are the age restrictions on social media?

Age Restriction	Platforms
13	Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, Kik, Ask.fm, Houseparty, Periscope, Tumblr, Reddit, Pinterest
13+	Whatsapp, YouTube, WeChat, Whisper, Yubo <small>(13+ means with parental consent)</small>
16	LinkedIn
18	Tinder, Bumble

Online Acceptable Use Agreement

A copy is being sent home with this newsletter for you to read and discuss with your child. The new agreement, as you will read ensure that children are being respectful on line , even at home when using J2E or other web based platforms children may be directed to by school or when using social media on line involving friends from Hogarth Academy. Please then sign and return next week, Miss Cooper and I will collect at the gate in the mornings.

Home learning if we must close a class or the school during the pandemic

If we must close a year group due to an outbreak, we will be providing remote home learning again. Reception children will be provided with home learning packs that must be completed and the team will collect at the end of the week to mark and provide further learning if needed. Children in Y1 upwards will have work uploaded daily onto J2E for the child to complete, including videos from the teaching on how to complete the piece of work, especially if it's a new concept. The teaching team from your child's class will ring you and your child **daily** to talk about the work and support your child's learning. The expectation is that ALL children WILL complete the work daily as if they were in school. We will send out our FAQ help sheet to access J2E as well as posting it again on the website, should the need arise!

What should I do if my child is off school isolating?

Firstly, you must inform school if your child is absent, like you would do ordinarily. Secondly you must inform us why and for how long your child is isolating. We will provide work on J2E for your child to be doing, as long as they are not ill. The expectation is that this work will be completed and returned to school with your child when they return. If your child is entitled to free school meals, we will talk to you about how you can collect a meal daily for your child.

Thank you everyone, keep safe and keep smiling!

Ms Lee