

CANON POPHAM CofE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been good to be back at school this week, even though there have been some challenges! I want to reassure parents that when the children are in school there really is a happy and positive atmosphere. The children are amazing and hearing their laughter as well as watching their positive attitudes to their learning is a pleasure. I do hope that you get a feel of this positivity from them when they come home from school.

We understand that things may look very different but there are lots of things happening in school that aim to give the children extra enjoyment.

This half term we have planned:

- Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November. Even though we can't be together in church as we usually would be, we will still have our whole school Remembrance assembly and we hope that if you haven't already done so, you will be able to purchase a poppy – we have them for sale in school- so that the children can wear these next week.
- Children in need day on 13th November- we ask that children wear something 'sporty'. This represents the idea that we are all Team Canon Popham and all in this together! If children want to come to school with their face painted or a fun hair style too, please feel free to get creative! Let's have some fun and smiles.
- Anti – Bullying Week is on the week from Monday 16th to Friday 20th November. We will be doing thinking with the children about this very important theme.
- We have a range of Christmas activities in the planning including each class creating a Christmas themes window on one of their classroom windows, so that even if you can't come in to school we can share our Christmas celebrations with you. There will be plenty of other things happening too... this is just a taster!

Harvest Donations

Many thanks, to those who made a donation instead of bringing a harvest gift of food. We raised £106.55, which has been sent on to the Food Bank.

Photographs

I understand that some parents and carers have been disappointed that we have not done the usual school photographs this term. Different schools are approaching these things in different ways and while some schools have had photographs, there are many others who haven't yet done this. Much of this depends on the structure of school sites and space available. The decision was taken in September to postpone our photographs. This was because of the concern at that time about moving class bubbles around school and the potential risks linked to this. At that time the decision to postpone was taken with the best of intentions to keep everyone safe.

We do have a provisional date booked in for school photographs to be taken on January 14th. We hope that by this point we will be looking at a more positive situation with regard to infection rates etc. so that we can get quality photos done safely.

Thank you to everyone who has been patient with us.



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Finally, please could I ask parents and carers to ensure that you keep us informed if you have any COVID or health related issues. We are working hard to keep school running safely and appreciate your help in communicating with us.

We hope that you find your parents meeting telephone conversation useful and helpful. If anyone has not yet booked, or needs to make an alternative arrangement, please let us know.

As always, if we can help with anything, or if you feel that there is anything that we can do better or differently to improve your child's school experience in the strange time, please let us know.

Mrs Navas



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