

Milborne Message 20.11.20

Message from Sharon Hunt!

Dear Parents,

Apologies, the newsletter is later than usual - we are missing Mrs Hosford!

However, I am delighted to be able to tell you that all is well from my point of view and I am able to return on Monday following appropriate days of self isolation and a **negative test** result. I have found being away quite difficult and am eternally grateful to all the staff and Mr Paul Chadwick for stepping in and helping out. In all schools staff make a massive difference but in a small school they make ALL the difference and it was an unfortunate coincidence that Mrs Hosford and I were off at the same time, making things even more challenging for all involved. Thank you for your continued support and patience with phone calls and reception visits.

Please do continue to wear masks while on the school site for drop offs and picks up or any other time, and in the reception area.

Covid 19 for parents:

<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/latest-coronavirus-covid-19-news-and-information-17-march-3121566>

During lockdowns children nationally have been spending more time online. At school this half term we are teaching children **how to keep safe online** as part of the computing curriculum. Many children have told us that they access online content which is not appropriate for their age, not always with their parents' knowledge. Fortnite, YouTube, tiktok, Facebook are a few. The children have talked about playing with and having conversations with people they don't know, and adding teenagers or parents friends to their WhatsApp groups. The link below is to a site we use as staff and also has useful information for parents. It has activities and ideas you can use to start a conversation with your child. There is more information and support on our school website. The programme Social Dilemma on Netflix, mentioned previously, gives a frightening insight into the way data is used. It is worth a watch as if your child is registered on an adult account or signed up to a site meant for adults their data and profile will be targeted as such.

<https://thinkuknow.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2ae276529dabe14cecc1d261e&id=c1a781f3f7&e=84e89eb700>

Healthy snacks

We are a healthy school and the policy has always been to have healthy snacks and lunch boxes. Staff are noticing an increase in chocolates and bars. We know that unhealthy snacks like these give children a sugar rush and effect concentration and ability to learn and to manage their emotions. Please can you ensure snacks are healthy.

School Council:

Phoebe Bobby	Dominic Keira	Maisie Brodie	Reuben Jemima
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THANK YOU, we raised an amazing total of **£183.00** from 23 donations, so a huge thank you to those of you who donated.

The next School Council fundraising project will be the Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'. We will be doing our Christmas Jumper day on the 16th December, which will also be the Hot School Christmas Meal day. A link for this fundraising page will be sent nearer the time.



Finally, some more exciting news to share, Mrs Pratt has had her baby. **Harry Edward Pratt** was born safe and well weighing 8lbs 6 oz. I am sure you, like us, wish her and her family all the very best and many congratulations at this special time.

Yours sincerely,

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