

Calendar

- 23rd October – SCHOOL CLOSURES for Half Term to ALL children

- 2nd November – Children RETURN to SCHOOL

- 5th November – Flu vaccines in school

- 11th November – Remembrance Day, non-uniform day, wear something red (£1)

13th November - Children in Need, non-uniform day (£1)

- 24th November – School photographs (TBC)

- 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day!



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Wow, today brings the end to what is one of the strangest and most difficult half terms ever! I would just like to say a huge well done to all of our children! They have all returned to school in an amazing fashion. They are all smart, keen to work and have shown great enthusiasm – we are all very proud of them! Thank you to our families for adapting (and sticking to) to our new routines so quickly, we know it is not always easy. I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to our amazing staff and Governing Body. Through their hard work, support, commitment and enthusiasm they have ensured that our children have successfully returned to full time education, have identified and closed gaps in learning, rebuilt confidence and eased a range of anxieties. Most importantly they have done everything they possibly could to keep our children and their families safe whilst ensuring school has remained open.

Positive COVID-19 cases

It is extremely important that if a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19, during the half term break, you notify us by sending an email to office@fairfield.worcs.sch.uk We can then ensure that any necessary support is put into place.

Self-isolation reminder for families

Please remember that if anyone in your household develops COVID-19 symptoms everyone, including all children, must self-isolate until a test result is received:

- A negative result means children can return to school (unless they have been identified as a close contact of someone else)
- A positive test result means children must self-isolate at home for 14 days from the onset of symptoms or 14 days from the test date if the person was asymptomatic
- Self-isolation means that you **must not** leave your house for any reason

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Travel Restrictions

Please be aware of the latest travel restrictions if you are planning a holiday for the half term break. Many countries still require a 14-day quarantine period upon your return – your child would not be able to return to school until this period has passed.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who participated in these, we have received many positive comments! I hope you found your meetings worthwhile. Please remember that, although somewhat more difficult than normal, staff are available for any questions or concerns, please message via Goggle Classroom or the school.

*Aim high, work hard,
have fun and care for others*



Hot dinners

After consultation with [Class Catering](#) we will be offering the option of hot meals again, in school, after the half term break. Class Catering will send the new menu out early next week. Parents/Carers should then make their meal choices via their [ParentPay](#) account. Please ensure that all children have a meal (hot or cold) ordered unless you wish to provide your own packed lunch. Can I remind all families that children in Oak, Beech and Holly are all eligible for a free meal, paid for by the government! If your circumstances have changed in recent months, you may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please follow the link for further information:

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals/2

Physical Education

After half term our classes will return to having more structured PE sessions. On this day children should come into school dressed in their [full PE kit](#). All sessions will take place outside, so children must have appropriate footwear. We also recommend a lightweight waterproof jacket/coat as sessions will continue to take place unless we experience extreme weather conditions.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Holly Class	Oak Class	Willow Class	Chestnut Class	Beech Class

Halloween

This year Halloween will undoubtedly look very different to previous years! Please see the link for the latest information and advice: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2helphalloween>
There is also a Halloween pack, created by WCC, to help you and your family continue with some of the fun, in a safe manner.



Flu immunisations

This year all children in school will be eligible to have a flu immunisation. In light of the risk of flu and COVID-19 co-circulating this winter, the National Flu Immunisation Programme will be absolutely essential to protecting vulnerable people, supporting the resilience of the health and care system whilst keeping our children safe and helping schools to remain open for as long as possible. All forms were due to be returned by today but we will continue to take forms on the first Monday, after half term. Immunisations are due to take place on Thursday 5th November.

Little Gems

This excellent provision continues to run from our school hall supporting our families with before and after school child care. Please get in touch if you would like further information – littlegemskidsclub@hotmail.co.uk . The 'Club' will also be running during the October half term week. Due to the current guidelines numbers for this week will be restricted, so please book early for a guaranteed place.

PTFA - Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who returned these, it will give our PTFA a valuable opportunity to continue to raise funds during these difficult times, as well as providing our families with their own personalised Christmas cards!

Social Distancing

Can I ask that all families continue to follow the most recent social distancing guidelines when in and around the school community, staying 2 metres apart from people you do not live with, where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings). Children must stand next to their parent/carer at all times.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>

Twitter

If you have not yet seen our amazing [Twitter account](#) please take some time, over half term, to see all of the wonderful things that we get up to whilst at school – it is the ideal window into school life! If you do not have your own account our feed can be seen via the front page of our [school website](#). This is also a great way to keep up to date with everything!

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23rd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you at the end of term to thank you, most sincerely, for supporting school throughout this half term. The time and effort that has gone in to making school a safe place for your children, their teachers and the whole school staff has been no small task. Your cooperation and understanding have played a fundamental part in getting us to half term without a hitch.

Although things are far from normal, Governors have continued to meet with the Senior Leadership Team on a regular basis and any new processes and routines have been fully endorsed by the full Governing Body. We also continue to meet our statutory obligations, albeit remotely, but very much look forward to the day when we can resume a fully active role in school again.

The winter term is probably going to be hardest one schools will have to face. With Coronavirus cases prevalent and the cold and flu season beginning in earnest, there may be turbulent times ahead of us. I can say though, with absolute confidence, that the Governors, Mr. Smith and the entire Fairfield team will continue to ensure the education, health and wellbeing of your children, is our number one priority. I can further reassure you that there are extremely robust systems in place to guide us through this uncertain time.

I look forward to writing to you again when we emerge from these oddest of times... until then, I'd like to wish you all a very happy and healthy half term holiday.

Claire Wing
Chair of Governors





Stars of the Week



Oak Class

Joe H-W

Elliot

Beech Class

Ava L

Isaac

Holly Class

Charlotte

Monte

Chestnut Class

Thomas

Noah

Willow Class

Lilly

Scarlett

Jack



BROMSGROVE COVID-19 CASES ARE ON THE RISE!

How can you help
to change this?



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Get all the latest updates at:
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people around you



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Would you have kept your child off school before COVID?

Yes

Keep your child off school

No

Do they have:

- A new continuous cough
- A fever (high temperature over 38°C using a thermometer)
- A complete loss or change of smell or taste?

Yes

Keep your child off school and at home (and siblings)

Speak to 119 or go to the www.gov.uk/coronavirus website and arrange for a self-test to be done

Your child and your household must self-isolate until you have the result of this test

No

Does your child have an underlying chronic medical condition such as:

- Cystic fibrosis
- Immunodeficiency/immunosuppression
- Recipient of solid organ transplant
- Taking long-term steroids taken in tablet form (not including inhaler)
- Any heart problems requiring input from paediatric cardiologist
- Any blood disorders such as sickle cell disease or thalassaemia
- Neurological issues such as myotonic dystrophy, mitochondrial disorders leading to difficulties swallowing

Full list of vulnerable conditions available at: <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/covid-19-shielding-guidance-children-young-people#children-who-are-clinically-extremely-vulnerable>

Yes

Seek advice from your child's specialist health team

No

Kids who are otherwise well with:

- Runny noses
- Sore throats without a fever
- Mild colds

Can go to school **AS NORMAL**