

# Heckington St Andrew's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

5th November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we now move into a second lockdown, I wanted to reassure you that all procedures and risk assessments remain in place to ensure that school can remain as safe as possible for everyone. The latest government guidance has not changed for primary schools but it is important that we all remain vigilant. Therefore, with more restrictions now in place on a national level, we have taken the decision that **all parents entering the school site, including the playground, must now wear a mask** (unless medically exempt) to ensure the health and safety of all. We do hope that you will support us in this.

Now that the weather is getting colder and the need to still ventilate classrooms, we are aware that some of the children are getting cold in class. We are therefore happy for you to send your child with extra layers - such as a fleece, base layers, etc. - that they can put on in order to keep warm. These extra layers do not need to be in school uniform colours as we would not expect you to purchase a school fleece unless you wish to do so.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of our protocols for the start and end of the school day. **Please follow our one way system and enter through the gate by the Pavilion/playing field and leave through the green gate by the swimming pool.** We will have a rolling arrival time for pupils from 8.35 - 8.50 am and **you may arrive at any time in this 15-minute window.** Please leave promptly once you have dropped your child off. Please also adhere to **social distancing** when waiting for your children at the end of the school day and, again, leave promptly once you have collected your children. I would like to thank you for your continued support and commitment to ensuring that these protocols are followed but we are at a critical point and we don't want the virus to spread and have an impact on the running of the school. Please therefore continue to support us in this.

We are planning a range of events as we move towards Christmas and, whilst these will be very different to previous years, we hope that it will still enable Christmas to be a special time of the year for the children. We will provide more details about these events in the next couple of weeks so watch this space!

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Bentley

We would very much like to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in a covid secure way. Therefore we will be taking poppies and poppy merchandise around classrooms on Friday, Monday and Tuesday.



This year there are a limited amount of wristbands, snap bands, zip pulls and reflectors that can be purchased for a suggested donation of 50p to £1.50. Due to the limited amount of stock, these are on a first come, first served basis. Please see overleaf for further details.

## Learning Council

representatives wearing their UK parliament week shirts, as we take part in this nationwide event. The children are debating issues that matter to them in our school.



## Diary dates

- 10/11/2020 Skipping workshop (whole school)
- 13/11/2020 Children in Need
- 18/11/2020 Whole school flu vaccinations
- 11/12/2020 Bags2school (bags to be dropped off at the Pavillion)
- 17/12/2020 Whole school Christmas lunch
- 17/12/2020 Christmas Party Day (non uniform)
- 17/12/2020 Last day of term
- 04/01/2021 First day back of Term 3

We're supporting



**BBC**  
**Children in Need**

**Friday 13th November**

Hosted by the Learning Council

Non school uniform or pyjamas to be worn for the day for a £1 donation

Colouring competition- entries £1 to be returned next Friday. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize each for Reception, KS1 and KS2. Look out for the picture coming home!

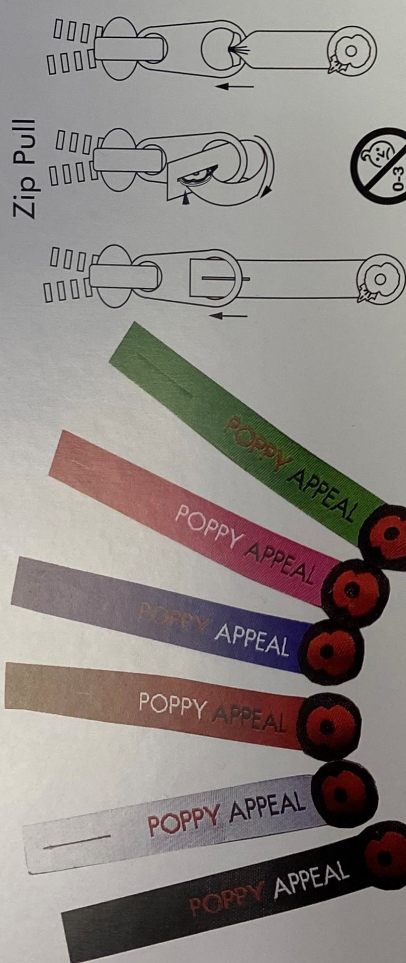




Reflector - **Suggested** Donation: 50p



Snap band - **Suggested** Donation: £1.50



Warning. Not suitable for children under 3years.

Zip pull - **Suggested** Donation: 50p



Silicon wristband - **Suggested** Donation: £1.00