



Headteacher comment

Welcome back to school after the half-term break. With the Government's announcement about the 2nd national lockdown from this Thursday. I wanted to let parents and carers know about how this affects our school.

The first thing to say is, at the time of writing this newsletter, schools have not received new or altered guidance to what we were using prior to half-term. Therefore, most of what we have in place will continue as it was already doing so from September.

We have decided that our external teachers and tutors we use for music and PE will continue. Thus, Premier Education's after-school clubs may continue to run and individual music tuition will continue to take place, unless the tutor decides not to continue under the lockdown. If the school subsequently receives Government guidance that says these kind of activities must cease, then we will follow this in due course.

I mentioned at the beginning of the year that on a half-termly basis we will review our school's involvement with swimming lessons at the Lord Butler Leisure Centre. The current situation means we will not be swimming until January 2021 at the earliest. However, I think it is more realistic to expect swimming to restart in the summer term.

Lastly, Miss Foote has very reluctantly decided to postpone Class 1's weekly safari visits for the foreseeable future. Once the national lockdown has ceased we will review this decision.



Computing across the school

Last half term the children were using computer software to help them manipulate and present data in a variety of ways.

Class 1 made bar charts and pictograms based on data they had collected, e.g. colour of leaves in the school grounds or children's favourite colour.

Class 2 created a database that held information about each member of their class and then used different tools to interrogate the information to find answers to questions.

Class 3 made Excel spreadsheets that used different types formulae, using the SUM and IF, OR and AND functions. We also used conditional formatting.



Stars of the Week

As the Friday before half-term was a Professional Development day, we did not hold a Sharing Assembly that week. Therefore, each teacher will choose at least 2 Stars of the Week for this Friday.



Dates for your diary

Children in Need	13/11/2020
Individual photos	19/11/2020
Scooter session	26/11/2020