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15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## Wear Red Day

Tomorrow, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, is Wear Red Day, in honour of the charity 'Show Racism the Red Card', which is a charity we have supported for a number of years whose aim is to educate children about prejudice and ensure a level playing field for all, and embrace our diversity. We are inviting children to wear red and contribute £1 to this charity, which you can do via Parent Pay, preferably. We will accept pound coins in the classroom, however, as the school is now cashless, we might not be able to give change if needed so please make sure it is a £1 coin to avoid problems. Thank you, and we hope all of the children support this cause.

## Halloween Festivities

As the children may not be able to celebrate Halloween in their traditional manner with trick-or-treating this year, we are inviting them to dress up in their Halloween costumes on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**, the last day of the half-term. Children can also bring in carved pumpkins on that day to show their classmates, similar to last year, however unfortunately we will not be able to invite people in to see them this year because of the restrictions. We will endeavor to take photos of all of the pumpkins though, and showcase them on our Twitter page. We will award prizes to the best designs from each class. Please make sure that the pumpkins are taken home at the end of the day, otherwise they will be disposed of.

## Covid-19 Precautions

As I am sure you are fully aware, Sheffield has been classified as a 'High Risk' area in the recent government announcements, and therefore we are subject to tighter restrictions than other parts of the country. As a result of this, when reviewing our Covid-19 procedures, unfortunately, we are not in a position to be able to change the staggered start and end times at this moment and they will continue indefinitely after half-term. Additionally, to keep all of our children and colleagues as safe as possible, we are also not in a position to be able to resume after school club at this point, and risk mixing bubbles of children.

Could we please ask that parents and carers continue to do their very best to ensure that all children are dropped off and picked up at the correct time and that parents do not congregate in large groups on the yards and leave the premises as soon as your children are in the care of the staff at school. If you do need to come into the foyer to speak to somebody at the office, please make sure that you adhere to the one-in, one-out rule at this moment in time. Thank you for your cooperation during this time.

## Half-Term

As mentioned, we break up for a week's holiday on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** next week. At present this is still set to be just one week, despite some rumours in the press. Thank you very much for your patience, cooperation and support this half term under challenging circumstances. What must not be lost in all of this is how fantastically the children have done returning to school and adapting so successfully to things being a bit different. They have been a credit to the school and to yourselves. I hope everybody has a well-earned week off when the time eventually comes and we all return safely on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

Best Wishes,

Mr John Sitch  
Headteacher