

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back. I hope that you enjoyed half term. I know that the announcements by the government this week have brought further change to our lives again but school is continuing to run as it has since September. The HSE visited the school this week to inspect our Covid-19 measures. They were pleased with the arrangements that we have in place and the way we are following the guidance and made particular mention of the way both staff and children are aware of what they need to do to keep us all safe.

**Our November value**

With the start of November, our value is now caring. This builds on our kindness value from last month. This week we are celebrating those children who look after the environment. Well done to the following stars of the week.

Elm:	Isabel Benn	Beech:	Rebecca Taylor
Oak:	Luca Stevenson-Venuti	Larch:	Henry Ward
Lime:	Ryan Myburgh	Laurel:	Leo Halls
Pine:	Ben Lewington	Spruce:	Gwen Wood
		Walnut:	Olive Sampson

**Face masks**

Following the government’s announcement last weekend and the implementation of a second lockdown, I am asking all adults who are dropping off and picking up children from school to wear a face mask. I hope that you will understand and respect this request. Thank you.

**Children in Need event: Friday 13 November**

*Hello parents of Holmer Green Junior School. We would like to inform you about a special event that is happening on Friday 13 November. We would like your child to wear brightly coloured clothing or spotty for Children in Need. It can be a full outfit of bright clothes. We would like you to donate any amount you can to go to the Children in Need charity.*

*Amna Aslam-Denn, Joseph Needham, Dexter Smith and Rebecca Taylor*

*Year 5 School Councillors on behalf of School Council*

School council did not want to ask for a specific amount of money because we are aware that some families may not have much money during this difficult time. If you are able to make a donation, however small, this will be appreciated but children can still come into school in bright clothing without a donation.

**Mufti Days**

Unfortunately, the current lockdown will mean that the planned Christmas by the Common event will not be able to take place at this point. We will still be holding two mufti days to support the JSA with their fundraising for school and these will take place on Thursday 19 November and Thursday 26 November.

Mufti day: 19 November: chocolate donation.

Break the rules day: 26 November: bottle donation.

**Neighbour complaints**

I am sorry to say that I have had a number of local residents complain about the behaviour of parents and children. One resident was angry as a child had pulled up a small bush from their garden and the parent of this child had, in their opinion, had been dismissive of the resident’s concern. The green area opposite the

houses in Clementi Avenue is part of these houses' property and I hope that all the children will treat the local environment with respect.

Other residents have reported that parents from this school are parking dangerously, particularly near the crossroads by the pond, putting their families at risk when trying to cross the road. I understand that parking can be challenging but, while we hope that your child will come to school in a sustainable way, if you have to drive, would you please not park close to a junction or on the pavement.

Further concerns have been raised about parents not socially distancing and taking a lot of the pavement when walking together. Would you please be mindful of other people in the village and adhere to the guidance around social distancing.

Thank you for your support in making our school a positive part of the local community.

### ***DT requests***

Whilst we are not currently able to use our DT room, the children are still enjoying DT lessons in the classroom and, because of this, we would ask that you ensure your child has their DT apron in school. We also need broadsheet newspapers if you have any that you are able to donate. Your help is appreciated.

Kind regards  
Rebecca Campbell  
Headteacher



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We are here to ensure support and the right advice is provided to Black and Asian children, young people and families affected by Covid-19.

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