

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support in what has been an unusual start to the year! We wanted to finish this half term with some reminders and responses to questions from parents:



Covid-19 suspected/confirmed cases:

Please inform school of any suspected/confirmed Covid-19 cases over half term via the school email address: office@tudhoe.colliery.co.uk. You can also leave a message on the school phone, however messages will only be monitored up to Tuesday 27th October; after this date, please ensure you use the email address only.

PE Kit:

We have had several queries from parents regarding school PE kit. As the weather gets colder, we are adapting the requirements for what children need to wear on their PE days. Children should still wear jogging bottoms/leggings, but can wear a warm hoodie/jumper instead of their school jumper to help ensure they are warm enough. As a result, we will also be relaxing the colours specified previously – the priority is making sure children are warm enough to do their PE lesson outside.

Dates for Diaries:

- School closes for the half term break on Friday 23rd October
- School reopens for the second half term on Monday 2nd November
- Bags2School Collection organised by the Friends of the School on Monday 9th November.
- Flu Vaccinations are booked for Thursday 12th November.
- School closed for staff training on Monday 30th November.
- School Photographs are booked for Thursday 11th February.

Parents' Evenings:

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, we will be unable to hold face to face Parents' Evenings, and instead, we will be booking telephone conversations with parents. Status reports for children in Years 1-6 will be given out prior to your telephone appointment. More information will be sent out after half term.

Poppies:

Children will have an opportunity from Monday 2nd November to buy poppies and other poppy related items as part of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Prices are given below:

- Poppies – Suggested donation 50p
- Zip pulls – 50p
- Reflectors – 50p
- Snap bands: £1
- Silicon Wristbands: £1

Home Reading:

Instead of Daily Home to School Books, we will be using ParentMail to collect information regarding children's reading at home. A form will be sent every two weeks to ask about your child's reading habits, including how often they have been reading at home to enable us to best support you with your child's reading. We have made this change to make this easier for parents as we know that often parents would forget to fill the home/school books in, or children would forget to hand them in. It also helps us limit the amount of items transferring between school and home. We continue to recommend that children read at least 4 times per week. More details on home reading will be given in our school newsletter after half term.

School Website:

Just a reminder that our new school website is now up and running. The purpose of the site is to keep existing and prospective parents up to date with what's going on at school, so please have a look and let us know if there is anything else you would like to see:

www.tudhoeprimaryschool.co.uk

We hope you all have a lovely half term,

Thank you.