



“Be Brave, Be Bright and Be YOU!”



**Monkway
Junior School**

Autumn Term 2nd Half Newsletter 2020

Dear Parents, Carers & Pupils

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. I hope you all managed to make the best out of a very poor weather week that was half term. I am certain you are like me in wondering what changes will have to be made now that the Government has announced a further proposed lockdown from Thursday 4th November 2020. I am being honest and open with you in saying that I have received no amended guidance from either the Department for Education or from Cumbria County Council. I know many of you have questions but as I write to you today I am unable to answer them. I am hoping that in the next few days I will be able to provide you with a clearer picture, however as we are now, school will continue to stay open to all pupils. The decision to open or close will be made at Government level and until then we will carry on doing what we are doing, making Monkway a safe and happy place for your child to come to.

Reports

As we have been unable to have a one to one Parents meeting we are sending home a short report with each child on Wednesday 4th November 2020. There is a section for Parents Comments/ any additional comments, if you wish to complete this please can you do so then as with homework take a photo and send it through Class Dojo. A record will be kept of your comment. Please **do not** send the report back into school.

The School Day

- Start time
The staggered start time (8.55am -9.10am) appears to be working well. The children are very good at going to their yellow circle and speaking to an adult on the yard and then quickly going into school.
- Playtimes/Lunchtime
We are trying to make sure the children have the opportunity to run around at playtime, please make sure your child has a coat at all times.
- Uniform
We are advised to keep the classrooms well ventilated so even as the weather gets colder windows will be open. Please can I suggest that children always have a jumper or cardigan and wear additional vests or plain t-shirts to keep themselves warm.

- PE
Please make sure your child has a coat on PE days too.
- Water bottle
Can I please ask for your help in sending children with plain water to school only.
- Homework
Thank you to everyone for continuing to send homework through the Class Dojo system.
- End of the day
As suggested in my letter to you before half term please discuss with your child in the morning how they are going home. If you do come onto the yard please try to come at your allocated time, 3.05pm for Years 5 & 6 and 3.10pm for Years 3 & 4. Make sure you are spaced around the yard and not grouping together. Can I ask Parents to pass on this message to grandparents who may pick up your child/children too.
- Children travelling on the bus
From today the bus timetable has changed. We are aware that the service bus will arrive at school around 9.00am and that is fine. At the end of the day we will try to get the children on the 3.12pm bus from school however if that bus is early then the children will have to go on the next bus which should arrive at school at 3.42pm.

Christmas Cards

Thank you to all who have sent in their orders for Christmas cards/gifts we have a deadline of 9th November 2020 for orders and money otherwise we will not receive them before Christmas.

Take care

Mrs Telford