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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another very productive week at school and the children's positivity and resilience is still shining through. We are so pleased that we are slowly but surely being able to get back into more normal school routines including sending home reading books and setting homework etc.

Obviously as we continue, we will try to be as creative as we can in coming up with ways to make sure that the children can still take part in some of the lovely things that normally take place at this time of year whilst still ensuring that we are adhering to government guidance, and now in some cases, the law. Obviously as these things may have to be in a very different form, we do ask for your understanding and support.

As the weather continues to change and temperatures drop, I do need to remind all parents of the importance of sending children into school suitably dressed with both a jumper and a coat. As we explained in an earlier email, we have to make sure that all the classrooms are well ventilated which does mean they can be a little colder than normal. Children do tend to get even colder when they are sitting still working. Today there was still quite a number of pupils who arrived without coats especially in KS2!

It is also important that when children come dressed in PE kits that they come suitably dressed for the temperature/weather. Unless temperatures are higher than normal, then this term they should come in black or blue jogging bottoms, not shorts!

We have been very lucky to be able to start our peripatetic music tuition and it has been a pleasure to see the children's excitement as they go for their lessons. I do need to remind parents that payment is now due and needs to be made prior to their child's next music lesson. Please contact the office if you are at all unsure as how to pay.

We would like to remind parents that we do have pupils and staff in school who have severe allergic reactions to nuts and nut derivatives. Since this condition can be life threatening, we are asking for your help in minimising the risk by:

- avoiding giving your child / children nuts and nut derivatives in school lunches and snacks - examples include peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella, snacks/bars containing nuts, pesto, nut oils, nut flours, sesame and nut milks. (This list is not exhaustive.)
- asking children not to share their lunches.

It is really important that all parents carry out the suggested measures and reduce the risk of an allergic reaction and we thank-you for your co-operation.



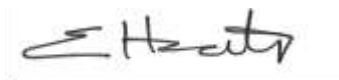
We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of our carpark guidelines:

- Please do not move your cars when the children walk to or from the bus. We would request that you remain stationary for a few minutes longer and allow the children to safely make their way across the car park
- Please do not park over the marked pedestrian walk-ways in the car-park
- Post Office staff, Sparsholt Parish Council and Sparsholt residents kindly request that you do not park in Woodman Lane, especially outside the Post Office. Parking directly outside the Post Office and on the yellow zig-zags impedes our school coach which then blocks the road completely. Be aware that the service bus also needs to get through each hour.
- The 3 parking bays closest to the shop are for the use of Post Office/Shop staff only and should only be used for a quick pick-up/drop off only.
- For safety reasons, please refrain from parking in the entrance to the car park
- If you double-park in the car-park, please drop off or pick up your child/children promptly so allowing others to get away as quickly as possible
- An alternative to the car park would be to park in Woodman Close and walk up to school through the pathway at the back of the playground – we recommend this option. Please be careful not to impede disabled bays and driveways.
- Please note we are not able to offer the field as an over-flow car park.
- Please make full use of the bus if your child has a pass
- We ask you to be courteous at all times to other users of the car park

Finally, can I say a massive thank you to all of you for your continued support and positivity especially about the class information sheets, project overviews and home learning jigsaws that were sent home last week – we really do appreciate it.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Hanratty', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Hanratty