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Dear Parents/Carers,

Half term is almost upon us and it is has been a busy time in school. It is great that we have been able to keep the school fully open throughout this time and this is down to the hard work and dedication of all the staff and yourselves in ensuring that our children are kept safe. We really appreciate the way you have supported us and followed all the guidance and procedures we have put in place – thank you! Unfortunately, Covid-19 is not going away anytime soon and we will continue with the current measures when we return for the next half term. We just wanted to update you on a few points before we break up on Friday.

Friday 23rd **October** will be a non-uniform day, £1.00 for school funds please. If your child has PE that day, if they are in suitable casual clothing then they can do PE in their own clothes or bring in a pair of trainers if they wish to change their footwear.

Monday 2nd November is an **INSET day** so school will be open for staff only, school re-opens to children on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

Parent consultations – Unfortunately, we are unable to do face to face parent consultations this term. On Monday 16th November, you will receive a written consultation from your child's class teacher which will inform you about: how they have settled in, their strengths and ways you can support at home. Once you have read the report, if you feel you would like a follow-up phone call, please contact your child's teacher via the email address on the report. We will also include an attendance report.

Flu Nasal Spray – This will be administered on Wednesday 18th November. On 3rd November, we will send out consent forms for you to complete and return by 13th November stating whether or not you wish your child to have the spray. We will **not** administer to any children where is states on the form that you do not give consent.

Christmas Events – On the letter we sent out at the beginning of term, there were some Christmas events listed for Reception and Year 4, at the time we were hoping the Covid-19 situation would have improved but as this is not the case, these events will not be going ahead. We will still organise Christmas parties and Christmas dinner for the children in school. Christmas jumper day on Friday 11th December will go ahead.

Thank you for your continued support in this extremely difficult time and as ever if you have any concerns please contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Horton Headteacher