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Lighting a spark in every child"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Music lessons and Musical opportunities

Bedfordshire has one of the best Music service in the country and we are delighted we are back making music (in accordance with all guidelines) in school. Please **read the flyer attached** from Inspiring Music. They are the people who provide excellent music provision in our school.

- If your child would like to learn an instrument, try the <u>free</u> Musical Superstars session on Saturday.
- We do have recorder, woodwind, guitar and keyboard lessons still in school –and we have 2 drum kits ready to be used by budding drummers who want to have lessons so see what your child enjoys.
- Your child can access the Musical Explorers session for those with SEND needs free on Saturday too (please see the flyer) and these are super sessions.

Coming in times

We are aware as the weather gets worse that a review of drop off times is needed. We will write to update you on this on Friday, but can I stress we still MUST still all adhere to Government guidance especially as Covid cases are rising nationally.

Some good news for our school re Covid!

We have had yet more tests returned since last Friday's update. **All have been negative test results. Let's all keep on going** and keep minimising risk for the children so we can keep this as our own good news story.

Wrap around Club (Before and after school)

Please remember WAC (Wrap Around Care) changes after this Friday. Year 1 will be at TCC if you have booked at place. Year 3 and Year 4 will be in school if you have a place booked and Year 2 sadly cannot be accommodated in school to half term. TCC will hope to provide all WAC after half term so please contact them if you need WAC after half term.

Trees

You will be aware that tragically a 6-year-old child died in a school last weekend due to a tree branch falling in the school playground during a storm. We have already checked our trees accordingly and we will also have a tree surgeon coming on site to deal with any longer term tree work needed before the winter ahead.

Uniform As the children head out of summer uniform into winter uniform please can you make sure your child is coming in school shoes and is wearing our school uniform. If you have a concern about funding this, please contact the office as we have some uniform available to help families as needed.

Harvest Friday October 9th

We will be holding our **Harvest Festival** on **October 9th** in year group bubbles during the day. Mrs Spencer and Reverend Linda will lead these times.in the hall.

We will be collecting non-perishable goods (tins/packets) for the local foodbank and night shelter. We will collect voluntary contributions of £1 for the St Albans Diocese appeal to support an agricultural bee keeping scheme in Nepal. Further information will follow on Friday this week.

Bikes and learning to ride a bike with Sustrans

Year 1 Alistair will come to offer a bike session for Year 1 children on Thursday this week. A text confirmation for those gaining a place will be sent tomorrow.

Reminder: Road closure. Long Lane to be shut for one day only! Please be aware there will be a local road closure on October 1st 2020. Long Lane will be closed that day.

Covid update Please can you I remind you about the **Test and Trace app**. See the **Covid news section** of the website for an update. **Go to > News page > Coronavirus news**. Also on this page there is a link to the new information about the legal duty to self-isolate, although we are impressed by how proactive TSG families have been.

With thanks

Jane Spencer

Head teacher

