

Laughter, **Smiles** and *Fun*.

Friday, 12th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to thank all parents this week for following our guidelines at the beginning and end of the day. We would also like to thank those parents who have taken a safety first, cautious approach when their children have not been feeling well. The more we work together on this the more effective we will be at reducing transmission.

The Children and Patience

The children have been amazing this week. They have so enjoyed being back amongst their friends and peers again. They have tackled their work with gusto, and we have spotted quite a few smiles around!

Next week we expect the children to be more tired, possibly finding relationships more difficult and over reacting to friendship problems. This is NORMAL, please don't worry.

It may be that your child is on the wrong end of some of those emotions but please be patient with the school and the children. It takes time to overcome the isolation, the busy classrooms and the increased emotional, social and learning expectations out of lockdown.

They will not solve these problems overnight – the key focus will be PATIENCE and UNDERSTANDING. Work with us and we will get there together.

Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March

Mr Snape has asked that children DO NOT wear Red Noses on Red Nose Day – humph!

However, the staff have persuaded him to have a **RED DAY**. So on Friday the children can wear as little, or as much, **RED** as they want to.

As Mr Snape is being such a grump, the staff have asked if the children can bring in their best and their worst joke. We are going to have a class competition to find the one that makes us laugh the most, and then each class will try to get Mr Snape to laugh with their joke. Good luck with that!

We are not handling cash in school so please make any donations to Red Nose Day through your ParentPay Account where it has been set as a Payment Item. Thank you.

Jewellery

There has been an increase in children wearing jewellery in school since lockdown. Our apologies, but we do not allow most jewellery in school due to health and safety. It is part of the agreed school policy. Our School Prospectus states:

The wearing of any jewellery in school can be hazardous and is best kept for out of school hours. It can also be upsetting when expensive or treasured items get lost. Children may wear a watch and studs/small sleepers in pierced ears.

In P.E. lessons, it can be dangerous to wear jewellery of any kind. Children wearing jewellery will be expected to remove it themselves, as adults in school are not allowed to. It is therefore advised that no jewellery is worn on PE days.

School Office and Queries

Contact with the school office needs to be by email (info@pilsley-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk) or telephone in the first instance please. We would ask that you are patient with the school office team responding to queries. If you have any urgent questions please contact Mr Snape via headteacher@pilsley-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk

We continue to strongly recommend parents to wear a mask on school premises, as social distancing can be difficult. This is to cut potential transmission for others as well as your own personal safety. For those exempt from wearing a mask we would suggest ensuring arrival when there are less parents and pupils on the playground.

Remember - please take a cautious, safety first approach.

Take Care and Stay Safe



Headteacher and the Pilsley Staff Team