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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, thank you for your positive response to our letter which was circulated on Friday. This was evidenced this morning by the number of you wearing face coverings when dropping your child at school. Your support is very much appreciated!

We wanted to share with you some other non COVID related news:

***Electrical Works:***

Remedial work will be taking place over the half term break to upgrade the electrical supply to the school. This work is very important and in due course will enable us to improve the heating throughout school. In preparation for this, **excavation work will commence on Wednesday 14th October**. This does unfortunately mean that our staff car park will be unavailable for a period of time. There will also need to be some changes made to our pedestrian entrance which will result in only one gate being in use, it will therefore be extremely important that we are considerate when arriving and leaving to ensure that social distancing continues to be maintained. I appreciate that given the current circumstances, this is not ideal. However, these improvements are extremely important for the school and the classroom environment.

Given the work and equipment that will be on site for this period of time, we would like to stress the importance of ensuring you keep your child with you at all times both when entering and leaving the school site.

***Food Bank:***

Despite not being able to organise our traditional Harvest Festival this year we are still keen to collect contributions for the Wansbeck Food Bank. We ask for children to bring their contributions on the last day of this half term (Friday 23rd October). Donations will be collected at drop off points around school. Having liaised with the food bank, they have explained that at the moment the items that they are in need of the most are:

- Tinned meats/fish e.g corned beef, ham, steak, mince, hot dogs, meat balls, chicken, tuna and salmon
- Tinned vegetables/tinned pasta such as potatoes, peas, carrots, spaghetti and baked beans
- Tins of fruit in syrup or juice
- Tinned rice pudding/custard
- Tinned soup; any variety

- Jars of jam or marmalade (**shop bought only, no home-made**)
- Toilets rolls
- Toiletries; shower gels, roll on deodorants, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, soap
- Tea bags and coffee
- Long life milk, full fat, semi skimmed and lactose free

### ***The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal:***

Poppies are now available to purchase from school. Below are the suggested donations:

- Paper Poppy with pin or peel back - 50p
- Reflector Poppy - 50p
- Zip Pull (black,white, red, navy, pink, light blue)- 50p
- Silicon Wristband (navy, white, mint) - £1
- Snap Band (pink, black, yellow, white, navy, mint) - £1.50

Please send any donations into school within a named envelope with your child, specifying clearly what you wish to purchase.

### ***Halloween Celebrations:***

#### **Thursday 22nd October is our Halloween Day!**

We invite children to come to school on that day dressed in Halloween costumes. I am sure that this will be a very memorable day as all their lessons will be linked to a spooky theme! I'm sure we will have a spooktacular day. After school we will also be hosting a fantastic Halloween Disco via Facebook live. The Disco will be hosted by the staff team and there will be lots of music and games. As well as a whole lot of fun and prizes to be won. All you need to do is click onto the school facebook page at 4pm to join the fun.

### ***Parental Consultations:***

We will be arranging 'remote' parental consultations after the half term break. These consultations have always been to discuss how your child has settled into their new year group and class. This will still be the case however, we will also be discussing how your child has responded to their return to school following lockdown.

Yours sincerely,  
Glen Whitehead  
Headteacher