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Dear Parents

I am writing to welcome you back to the start of Term 2 and to give you important updates on school events and procedures. As always, this is a specific letter with regard to the issues below, with reminders on the weekly Newsletter every Friday.

Hopefully, everyone is back to the normal drop off and pick up procedures.

This information was given on 12th October, with reminders in the 15th October and 20th October Newsletters.

As always, letters are sent to email addresses held for you on our system and text messages are sent to your registered mobile telephone number. It is really important we are told if these change at any time.

If you are not receiving these messages/emails, please contact the office admin@abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk

Letters and newsletters are also held on our website, which you can check at any time:

<https://www.abbeymeads.swindon.sch.uk/newsletters-and-letters>

As we start Term 2, Public Health England has asked us to reduce the number of unnecessary face to face interactions, as positive cases of Covid-19 across the South West climb to their highest levels to date. We are all keen to keep our schools open and reduce the potential for closure. It has been clear from the first two dates on the gates that too many of you have decided not to wear masks. Please wear them. It will be a shame if we have to cancel all events and close our gates again because of a minority refusing to wear masks/face coverings.

With the above in mind, we also want to revisit some of the events planned for this term. Decisions have had to be made on which are essential, which *would be nice* and which are less essential.

For example, with 21 opportunities to visit a Book Viewing during your child's time at AMCPS this is less important than a Nativity or Class Assembly which you may only get one opportunity to see. Equally, in 'normal' times there would be 42 opportunities to attend a disco during a child's time at AMCPS, so again less essential at this time.

Having said this, we have decided to cancel some events, keep some and 'watch this space' on others. Please see the list on page 2 for a simple to read guide.

Most Monday Clubs started this week with a few starting next week. Please remember that collection from clubs will be from classrooms on Monday but from the gates as normal if attending football club on a Friday (*this week's football club is cancelled as the coaches are on essential training*).

If you read this letter before 6.30pm, please can I just remind Year 5 parents that there is an important meeting at 6pm on ZOOM tonight and codes have been sent already, with reminder text messages as well PLEASE join Miss Hewitt and I for this important meeting.

Tomorrow's advertised Conker Induction meeting is cancelled as Mrs Wright is contacting families individually.

Year 5 Class Assemblies next week will be for parents only and a maximum of 2 adults per child. You will be sat together and as distanced as possible from others. **EVERYONE must** wear a mask, unless explicit medical reasons why not, and there will be restrictions on the use of telephones in these assemblies. Parents attend at own risk.

Please see page 2 now for a table of events this term and any changes that may have been made.

Thanks again – **Bob**



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Date/Time	Event	Update Information
2 nd November – 6.30pm	Year 5 Isle of Wight Meeting - ZOOM	This is happening – codes have been sent twice and reminders today - see you there
3 rd November – 6pm	Conker induction	Cancelled – Mrs Wright will be in touch personally
8 th November – 6.15pm - 7pm	Governors Meeting (Governors only) FOAMS Meeting	Online – Teams invite School Community Meeting Room
10 th November 8.30am	Bag2School drop off	Please see posters on newsletters
12 th November	3 separate Year 5 Class Assemblies <i>Parents attend based on their agreement to wear masks and at their own risk of minimal spacing within the hall.</i>	These will happen 9am 5Ash 9.45am 5Maple 10.30am 5Oak
16 th & 17 th November – 3-4pm	Book Look	CANCELLED – if you have any concerns please see the teacher, you should never wait until formal events to discuss concerns with the teacher!
19 th November – all day	Children in Need – donations via ParentPay please for Acts of Kindness throughout the day.	This will happen. It is a non-uniform day – we will join Joe Wicks at some point and discuss / complete acts of kindness throughout the day. Wear non-uniform / sports kit.
26 th November – all day	Non-Uniform Day – FOAMS HAMPER Donations please	This is on and we would be really grateful for donations – more will come from FOAMS soon.
9 th December	School Discos Please read this one carefully!	It is likely that school discos will be cancelled as an after-school event and moved to the school day. This reduces the number of adult interactions lining up outside/inside the school buildings. BUT We will <u>'WATCH THIS SPACE'</u> and see what the next few weeks brings us in advice from the Government and Public Health England. More info. As soon as we can tell you.
Nativities etc.	These events are happening but there will be a restriction on tickets. You will only be able to attend one (1) performance as a family (2 tickets) – details will follow very soon regarding which event to attend. See below for dates and times but wait for more information – coming soon. <i>Parents attend based on their agreement to wear masks and at their own risk of minimal spacing within the hall.</i>	
Mon 13 th Dec 9.30am	Nativity for Acorn Nursery	This is happening – HALL - more info soon.
Mon 13 th Dec 2.15pm	Year 1 Christmas Songs	This is happening – OUTSIDE – it will move to the first opportunity if a wet day!- More info soon.
14 th Dec 9.15am	Reception Nativity	This is happening – HALL - more info soon.
14 th Dec 2.15pm	Reception Nativity	This is happening – HALL - more info soon.
15 th December 9.15am	Year 2 Christmas Play	This is happening – Hall – More info soon.
15 th December 2.15am	Year 2 Christmas Play	This is happening – Hall – More info soon.
16 th December	Christmas Lunch	This is happening – subject to ingredients!
17 th December	SCHOOL IS CLOSED – TEACHER DEVELOPMENT DAY	
January 4 th 2022	SCHOOL IS CLOSED – Blue Kite Training Day	
January 5 th 2022	School Open – Day 1 of Term 3	