Dear Parents/Carers

Kindness Day UK is celebrated nationwide annually, on **November 13th**. It is a day to celebrate and promote kindness in all its forms. The Fishermoss Family have certainly been showing acts of kindness in many ways over recent days.  An initial count of the money donated for **Children in Need** suggests approximately **£460** was raised today which is an amazing result!  There were significant acts of kindness shown today with piggy banks being emptied. Fabulous to see superheroes, princesses, Pudsey Bears, mermaids, Harry Potters and a Fireman, to name but a few, arriving at school this morning!

Thank you also for your contributions to the Poppy Appeal to support our Heroes.  A total of **£114.66** was raised in School over recent days.  This is more than double last year’s total.  Your kindness is very much appreciated.

A total of **100 shoe boxes** were filled by Fishermoss Families for the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal, which was organised by our amazing Primary 4 class. The boxes flew off the shelves this year!  In the words of Miss Airlie’s Primary 4 class……’’We are glad to tell you we have raised **£136** from people kindly attaching money to the shoeboxes to help pay for the postage of them. We would like to say a big thank you to the people that kindly filled a shoebox they have been very, very generous and will be sure to put a smile on lots of faces this Christmas!’’

**The kindness shown by Fishermoss Families reaching out to others less fortunate is quite remarkable and is heart-warming and encouraging in such challenging days.**

Our sincere thanks for continuing to wear face masks at drop-off/pick-up outside the playground as we know social distancing is not always easy at busy times.  Your efforts will make a difference.  We continue to be aware that there are some people unable to wear face coverings for medical reasons.

**Thank you** as always for your continued support and efforts to follow the government’s latest guidance, and for not shooting the messenger!  It is important for all of us to play our part.  We know how difficult the current restrictions are for us all, especially where we can’t go into each other’s homes.  We are all being asked to remember, at all times, when we are out and interacting with other people, the FACTS rules:

* face coverings
* avoid crowded areas
* clean hands and surfaces
* two metre distancing
* and self-isolate and book a test if you have symptoms of the virus

**Thank you for continuing to remember the following…….**

**What should I do if my child is unwell?** If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. If they have one of the three common symptoms of COVID-19 (coronavirus) - a continuous cough, a fever or high temperature or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (anosmia) - please follow the latest advice via <https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus> and book a test. This website includes advice on what’s considered to be a fever in children.

If your child is unwell but they are not displaying symptoms of coronavirus, please keep them at home until they are back in good health. For vomiting and/or diarrhoea, as per normal circumstances, they should remain at home for at least 48 hours after symptoms have passed. This now also relates to a fever or high temperature (alongside a negative coronavirus result) and they should not return to school for at least 48 hours after symptoms have passed

Please continue to remember:

* **Staff or pupils who are, or who live with someone who is, symptomatic or a confirmed case of COVID-19 cannot attend school until self-isolation is over, or a negative test is received.**
* **Staff, pupils and parents/carers should not come to school if they or someone in their household has developed symptoms (new persistent cough or increased temperature)**

Finally, thank you for all the positive feedback and words of encouragement regarding our ‘**Curriculum Show and Tell Event**’.  We are aware that many families will use the weekend to set time aside to log on to Google Classroom and enjoy sharing the learning. Lots to smile about!

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care

Kindest regards

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