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*"Jesus came
to give Fullness of Life"*
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Dear Parents,

Cycling: Next week is Bike to School week! This is a national event running from Monday 27th September to Friday 1st October. Cycling and scootering to school is a healthy way to travel and it is great seeing children arriving at school this way. We have fantastic bike and scooter stands at school, so please feel free to leave your bikes and scooters at school during the day but please remember to bring a lock to lock them up!

Covid: We have an increased number of Covid cases in school. We have followed all the advice from the DFE, PHE and Bradford Council. To help us keep the school community safe, please try to socially distance when on the school site and encourage your child to wash their hands regularly. If you or your child develop any Covid symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature, loss of sense of taste/smell) please get a PCR test and isolate until you receive a negative result. Lateral flow tests should only be used when there are no symptoms (to check for potential asymptomatic cases) present.

Ventilation: Following the government's Covid guidelines, we are making sure that the school is well-ventilated. This means that the classroom windows and external doors are open. Even as the weather turns colder, we will continue to prioritise the ventilation of the school. Please can you make sure that your child comes to school in suitable clothing for colder classrooms e.g. wearing a vest under their school polo shirt. Thank you for your support with this.

Parent consultations: In light of the current Covid situation in school, parent consultations will be held by phone calls this half term. Your class teacher will be sending a letter home soon letting you know available time slots.

Book swap library: Thank you to everyone who has visited our book swap library in the buggy park! We hope you are enjoying all your reading. Please remember that when you take a book, you need to swap it with a book from home - the stocks are looking a little low.

Reading: Well done to everyone for all the reading you are doing both at home and in school. Reading at least 3 times a week at home will greatly boost your child's confidence, increase their reading fluency, comprehension skills and vocabulary. It is also a great opportunity for you to share the joy of books with your child. Your child will have their reading book from school but please also take the opportunity to read any other text at home.

Parent governors: Thank you to Alison Gantschuk and Lynn Wiles for their service as governors and all their support for the school. We now have vacancies for two parent governors. Please see the attached letter about this. If you require any further information, feel free to contact Annwen Ackroyd in the school office.

RSE: Relationship & Sex Education is now statutory on the primary curriculum (years 1-6). A draft policy has been uploaded for your reference to the school website and curriculum details will follow shortly. Please contact me if you have any queries regarding this.

Parent Pay: Parent Pay is an online payment system we use in school in order for you to pay for school milk, school dinners, school trips etc. If you don't already have a Parent Pay account set up we would ask you to do so as are now a cashless school. For those of you who haven't yet set up an account, you will be receiving a letter this week containing log in details which are unique to your child.

Free School Meals: May I encourage all parents to check their eligibility for Free School Meals for their child/children – irrespective of whether your child has a school meal or packed lunch from home. This includes pupils in the EYFS/Y1/Y2 who receive Free School Meals as part of the Government's Universal Free School Meals initiative.

Further information can be found at www.bradford.gov.uk/schoolmeals

Children who are eligible to receive Free School Meals are also entitled to free school milk, assistance with residential visit expenditure and meeting the cost of school uniform.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Pouncey

Interim Head

