

## November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we continue to progress through a very challenging school year for us all, I would like to express my sincere thanks to you all for your support of the school and for your patience and understanding with regard the many changes, which we have had to put in place in order to mitigate the risks posed from the Coronavirus.

We have had a successful first half term, with very few children or staff being required to self-isolate and a very high pupil attendance rate, with which we are all very pleased. After the initial transition topic, based on the children's reflections of their experience of the lockdown period, our prime focus was on ensuring that any gaps in our pupils' skills and knowledge are effectively closed through revision lessons plus the provision of additional intervention groups, which are being set up in order to supplement the children's learning.

We are also very pleased to have resumed a hot meal service for all children who wish to use this, which will be extended to the usual 3 choice menu options in due course. Control measures for this have been included in our updated risk assessment, which has now been uploaded onto the school websites.

Although current restrictions are limiting the range of our usual school activities, Mr James, our sports coach, is providing an interesting and varied sports programme, Mrs Brett is still running a musical club and Mrs Yakes is continuing to offer individual musical tuition as required, which all add to the extra-curricular opportunities that we can provide.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent online parent survey; your feedback was overwhelmingly positive with regard to a variety of current aspects of the school, which is very reassuring to hear. Our thanks also to you for your discussions and input during the parent consultation telephone calls, which were also very helpful for us.

Wishing you all a very healthy and safe remainder of the autumn term – further details with regard to the arrangements for recorded Christmas concerts will be available in due course.

Kind regards,  
*Carolyn Fox.*

### **Site Safety**

**Please could I ask all parents and visitors to the school to ensure that you walk your children to the front school gates via the pavements on either side of Annan Way and not use the road at any time.**

**We currently have three vehicles, which are authorised to access the site with pupils, so for the safety of all concerned pedestrian access should be limited to the street in Annan Way.**

**Thank you for your co-operation with this request.**



### **Rise Park Schools PTFA**

**Thanks to all of our children and the PTFA Committee for organising and creating such a wonderful poppy display on our school gates in order to mark Remembrance Day this year, which has been wonderful to see.**



**ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 – 2021  
AUTUMN SECOND HALF  
CALENDAR DATES**

*\* Please note that dates/events will be scheduled half-termly, due to the need for possible re-scheduling as a result of the national pandemic.*

Thursday 19th November	Flu Immunisations Both schools
W/c Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Phonics Tests
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concerts Uploaded (Both Schools)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term

*For further information, please visit our school websites at:*

[www.riseparkininfants.co.uk](http://www.riseparkininfants.co.uk)

[www.riseparkjuniors.co.uk](http://www.riseparkjuniors.co.uk)