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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support!

Firstly, a huge thank you to all who donated clothing for our collection last week. We raised a fantastic £120 for the clothes collected which has been paid to our 'Friends of the School'. As you know our 'Friends' group is currently being run temporarily by our staff members, and we really do need more parents/carers/grandparents to join the group. There won't be any huge commitments asked of you, just a group of people to work and think together about ways to raise additional funds for the children in our school. ***There is a 'Friends Meeting' on 3rd February at 4.30pm on zoom. Please follow the link to join the meeting***

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96414477500?pwd=dmdDazUrL0VZM3RZMmhf1RmVVcXlhQT09>

Meeting ID: 964 1447 7500

Passcode: P72NJw

Covid Updates

We have seen a rise in staff cases this half term and we are currently very short staffed in some year groups. We are working hard to try to keep all classes open and have been able to secure some supply staff and move other staff to be able to support in order to do this. This is a challenging time for everyone and should we not have enough staff to keep a class open, we will let you know as soon as possible.

If your child is off school with Covid or awaiting a PCR test, they should be completing online learning on the google classroom. If they are too unwell to work, please let us know.

We have had to 'bubble' one class in Year 5 this week where we currently have 8 child cases and both members of staff off with Covid.

Please note – ***if your child has Covid symptoms of a high temperature***, persistent cough or loss of taste or smell, they ***DO STILL NEED to have a PCR test***.

If you are also choosing to test your child regularly with lateral flow tests and your child tests positive without symptoms, you do not need a follow up PCR, but **MUST** report the positive through to the NHS. If you could send us your confirmation from the NHS that would be very much appreciated.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs K Scott