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## Dates for your diary

### October

23<sup>rd</sup> Nasal flu vaccination rec-Y5  
23<sup>rd</sup> Halloween fun day & work of  
the half term assembly  
**23<sup>rd</sup> end of half term**  
**Half term 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>**

### November

2<sup>nd</sup> Autumn B half term starts  
9<sup>th</sup> Individual / family School  
photographs  
23<sup>rd</sup> last after school clubs this  
week.  
30<sup>th</sup> last swimming y2 & 5

### December

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Parents meetings (by  
phone) Reception-Year 5  
3<sup>rd</sup> Last swimming y3 & 4  
4<sup>th</sup> Christmas fun afternoon  
11<sup>th</sup> Work of the half term  
assembly  
18<sup>th</sup> Christmas party morning

**Friday 18th End of term**  
**School closes at 1.30pm**



## Half Term review:

On reflection I have to say this has been one of the most challenging half terms of our careers in school. I need to say a huge thank you to our parents and families who have supported school with new routines and procedures. I know at times some have found it frustrating, but please know we are doing this to ensure we reduce the transmission of Covid and are following our guidelines. Please bear with us and always be kind to our staff. Our long term aim for this year is to ensure all our pupils recover from the 5 losses caused by this pandemic; Routine, Structure, Friendship, Opportunity and Freedom.

Your children have been wonderful in school and have settled really well across this half term. I want to say a huge thank you to our teaching team who have worked so hard to plan, prepare and deliver learning to ensure your children have felt safe in school and begin their catch up curriculum. Thank you also to the rest of our staff team TAs, admin, cleaners, site and kitchen staff. I hope they and you all manage to get some rest during half term ready for the countdown to Christmas.

## Targets & Parent Meetings Reception-Year 4:

After half term you will be given your child's targets for now until February and we hope you find this useful in supporting your child at home. Meetings will be held on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> December and will take place via telephone. We will give you a 10-minute time slot week beginning November 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Covid-19 update:

### **Barrow has recently moved into Tier 2 which is high alert.**

Can we remind you that: 1. only one adult is allowed in the playground per family to reduce the numbers of people we have in the school grounds. 2. Families need to socially distance between themselves when waiting to enter or on leaving the school grounds.

**If you or anyone in your household display any of the three main coronavirus symptoms, you must not send your child to school** and everyone in that household must self-isolate.

The person with symptoms must arrange to have a covid test. Please contact school if this happens. The symptoms are:

1. a high temperature (37.8 +)
2. a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
3. a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

**Home Learning:** PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE ABLE TO ACCESS YOUR CHILD'S MICROSOFT TEAMS ACCOUNT IF YOUR CHILD IS IN YEAR 1-5 in case we need to close a bubble and teach your child at home. If we do have to close a year group bubble, we will contact all parents in that year group and give further information at the time.

## Reminder Boxes of Hope Shoebox Campaign 2020

We are collecting filled shoe boxes to be delivered to deprived communities in Romania. A leaflet with what you can include in a box has been sent out this week.

Boxes need to be in school by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November please.

## Cold weather:

As we approach winter and the weather is colder please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves (all named please) so they are warm when playing outside at break times.

On behalf of myself and the staff at Parkside can I thank you for your continued support. We hope you have all enjoyed the return to school as much as we have and been reminded what a wonderful and happy place Parkside is. Together we make a great team.



Mrs. Caroline Walker  
Headteacher

