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## ***Message from our Head Teachers.....***

Welcome back to school after the half term break. We returned to the news of a new month long national lockdown and have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that our school is a safe place for your children to continue their learning. A letter was sent out yesterday, Thursday 5th November, to explain all the measures we have put into place.

We appreciate the month ahead could be challenging for some of our parents who have been furloughed and face a potential uncertain future. If, at any time, you need support from school please do not hesitate to get in contact.

We will continue to share our latest news with you all through our school Gateway App. Please download this if you haven't already so we can share regular updates with you.

Currently, along with positive and exciting learning, our main school values are keeping children, families and staff safe. Please help us to do this by following our current guidance including sticking to your child's drop off and pick up times, following our one way system and wearing a mask during drop off and collection times.

Best Wishes

Mr Shotton and Mrs Saunders

## **Principals Awards**



At the end of every half-term we like to celebrate all the fantastic work our children have been doing. Teachers choose a child from their class based on their contribution towards our school values of ICARE – Integrity, Creativity, Aspiration, Respect & Responsibility and Empathy. It is always a very difficult decision as there are so many children to choose from! It felt a little different this time not being able to invite the parents in to celebrate their child's success.

FS2: Adam and Anastasia

Year 1: Jessica and Rayan

Year 2: Bence and Ollie

Year 3: Maci, Jovana and Oliwia

Year 4: Medea, Rishit and Aeilah

Year 5: Jamie, Inez and Cornelia

Year 6: Kenzie, Alexei and Summer

Potter Class: Samuel

## **Key Dates this term:**

Parents' evening: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need mufti day Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

School closes for Christmas Friday 18th December 3:30pm

Primary application deadline—5pm January 15th 2021

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## Sports Awards

The PE team have been very impressed with all the classes last half-term in their PE lessons. The focus has been gymnastics and multi-skills. At the end of each half term the PE staff – Mr McKay, Mr Palmer and Miss Varley – have two sets of awards. The class award goes to the class which has shown brilliant team work and togetherness whilst taking part in PE. Autumn Term 1 winners were:

YR 3 Sharman Class

YR 5 Rose Class

YR 4 Hawking Class

YR 6 Ennis-Hill Class

The PE team also chose two pupils from each year group who have all shown incredible passion, determination and quality of sport, whilst showing the school values. Autumn Term 1 winners were:

YR 3: Julia and Jovana

YR 5: Adora and Kyle

YR 4: Passion and David:

YR 6: Summer and Paulo

## Reading in School

During the summer lockdown, staff worked tirelessly to improve the reading provision for all pupils in school. A large investment was made purchasing a vast selection of high quality books so that all children have access to a wide range of books suitable for their reading ability, to read at home.

We ask that parent / carers hear their child read at least 5 times a week and record this each time in their reading record. This includes both hearing their child read, but also asking questions about what they have read e.g. how is the character feeling? What do you think the setting looks like? What clues helped you decide this? If you were to re-write this text, what would you change? Why?



## Parents' Evening – Next week

This year parents' evening will be done remotely, either via a phone call or a zoom meeting. If you have not yet booked your appointment, please log onto the Gateway App and go to links section. Alternatively, there is a guide attached at the end of this letter showing you how to book your child's appointment.

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## Year One continuous provision

Year One staff are working hard to create a fun, engaging continuous provision across the Year One area of school. As well as their classrooms, they are using the communal space outside their rooms and the outside space to create a wide range of engaging activities to support the children's learning. Can you guess what their topic is this half-term?





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## Children in need

The children have an exciting week planned next week with a range of mini tasks within their classes. We will be tuning in to watch Joe Wicks complete his 24 hour workout. We would like to



invite children to come to school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November in non-uniform, and bring in a donation of £1 each for us to send to Children in Need. Each class will have its own pot to drop the money into.

Thank you in advance for your support. For those children in years 1 and 2, please wear something appropriate to still be able to do PE in.

## Hot lunches

Halfway through last half-term we were able to re-introduce hot meals to our pupils. These are to be ordered via the Kingswood website

[www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk) by each Wednesday for the following week. School meals cost £2.30 per day or free if your child is entitled to free school meals.



## Data Collections and Parent permissions

Thank you to all the parents who have completed a 'data collection form' and 'parental consent form' on our school website.

Both of these are vital to ensure that we have all the correct details on the system for your child/ren.

For all those parents who have already completed these, look out to see if your name is pulled out of the £50 prize draw next week.



If you have not yet completed either form, please do. Even if you do not think your details have changed, we can check this for you.



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## If we have a positive case of COVID in school

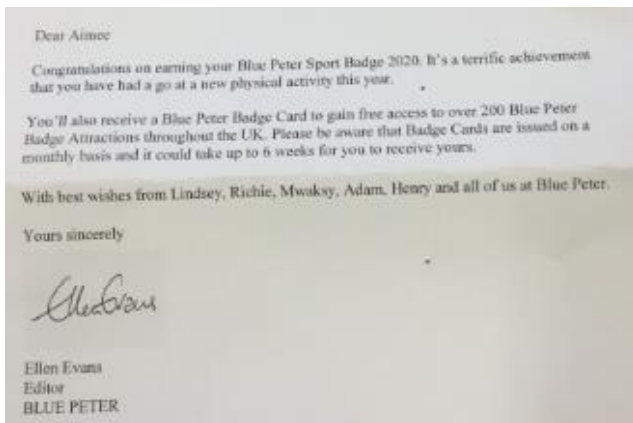
In the unfortunate event we have a positive case of COVID-19 in school, resulting in the closing of a bubble, we have a duty of care to ensure that we continue to deliver high quality lessons to your child/ren.

The best way to do this would be to deliver via Zoom lessons on line. This will consist of two or three 20-30 minutes lessons a day. If you would like your child to be part of this, please tick this option on the parental consent form mentioned above. This can also be done on the Gateway APP (this is via the payment section but remember to click check out). Zoom can be accessed via apple (iPads and iPhones), laptop, desktop computer and android devices.

For those of you who do not have access to one of these devices, a comprehensive set of work will be sent home. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Please see the full letter sent out on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November for more details.

## Blue Peter award



Aimee (Y6) and Jayden (Y3) have just received their sports badge from Blue Peter for an obstacle course that they designed. Following the design and trying out each other's to make sure they worked, the children filled in an entry form, complete with photos and description and sent off to be reviewed at Blue Peter. They clearly met all the criteria as they were awarded the Sports Badge. Hot off the press – Aimee has also just received her Blue Peter music badge yesterday!!



## Language of the term

As a school, we want to celebrate the wide range of languages which our children speak at home. This term we have chosen Polish as our language. We will be learning key words and phrases in Polish and asking our Polish speaking children to help us with this.



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## Next Newsletter:

- Winners announced of the £50 prize draws for completing data collection sheet, parental consent and accessing the Gateway APP;
- Exciting science work which is going on across the school;
- Celebrating the children who have won pupil of the week;
- Hopefully the total we have raised for Children in Need.

## School Term Dates: Academic Year 2020 – 2021

### 2020

Term 1	Re-open	Thursday 3 September
	Closes	Thursday 22 October
Term 2	Re-open	Monday 2 November
	Closes	Friday 18 December

### 2021

Term 3	Re-open	Monday 4 January
	Closes	Friday 12 February
Term 4	Re-open	Monday 22 February
Easter	Closes	Friday 26 March
Term 5	Re-open	Monday 12 April
May Bank	Closes	Friday 30 April
Holiday	Re-open	Tuesday 4 May
Bank Holiday	Closes	Friday 28 May
Term 6	Re-open	Monday 7 June
	Closes	Friday 16 July

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## Parents' Evening Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November Online Appointment Booking

Two ways to make your appointment:

1. Go onto your Gateway App, go to useful links and click on Parent Evening. or
2. Visit <https://exeterschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointments. (A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter.) Login with the following information:

### Exeter A Learning Community

#### Parents Evening System

Welcome to the Exeter A Learning Community parent teacher conference booking system. Appointments can be amended via a link from the email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

#### Your Details

Title	First Name	Surname
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email	Confirm Email	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

#### Student's Details

First Name	Surname	Date of Birth
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Please remember to indicate whether you wish for the appointment to be made via a phone call (the teacher will use the first contact we have on our system unless you state otherwise) or a zoom meeting in the message section.

We will send the zoom login closer to the meeting date.

If you are not able to log on, please email [info@exeteralc.com](mailto:info@exeteralc.com) typing in 'parent evening' in the subject box and tell us the message which is coming up. If the details you enter on the log in page does not completely match our data base e.g. Ms instead of Miss, a link will not be made. If this happens, we would also advise going onto the school website and updating your contact details – go to the parent zone and then click on data collection.



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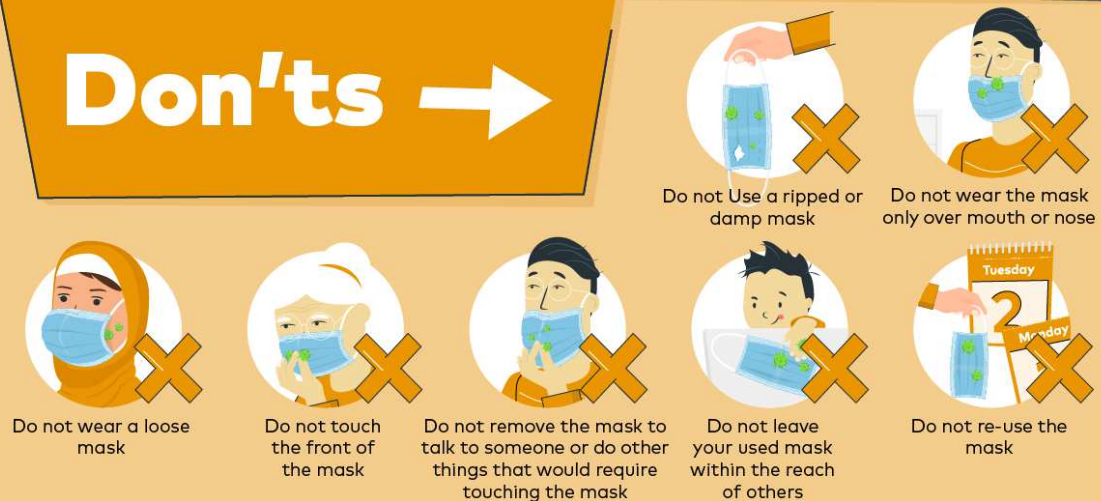
## HOW TO WEAR A MEDICAL MASK SAFELY

[who.int/epi-win](http://who.int/epi-win)

### Do's →



### Don'ts →



**Remember that masks alone cannot protect you from COVID-19. Maintain at least 1 metre distance from others and wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, even while wearing a mask.**

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