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Dear Parents and families,

I hope this letter finds everyone well.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Air Ambulance collection and especially to those who helped with the distribution of Air Ambulance bags and the doorstep collections. We have raised a fantastic £323.20 for school and more importantly have helped a worthy cause. So, a big well done to everyone!

As we try to hold two of these events each year we have arranged a date for our next collection on Sunday 7th & Monday 8th November 2021. Please add these dates to your calendar and note that we always have a supply of bags in the school reception area if you ever require some.

As the weather improves, we refer you to the School Uniform Policy, included on our website in the Information Tab in the Policy section. Can we please draw your attention to the summer clothes section, acceptable footwear and the severe hair cut sections and ask that you adhere to the policy. We must ask that when your child next has a haircut that you avoid shaved heads and tram lines as per the policy. Could we also remind you that all long hair must be tied up in school. We thank you in anticipation of your support with this matter.

Unfortunately, we have received several complaints regarding parents' parking during drop off and pick up times. Parents must not, in any circumstances, park on the yellow zig zag lines even for a short duration. This is a traffic offence and puts the lives of children in danger. Also, parents have been parking on the pavement opposite school, blocking drive-ways and obstructing passing traffic. Please can we urge all parents to park considerately and safely in the village as we do not want this matter to escalate and be referred to the police.

Last year our school was fortunate to be selected as one of the local causes that customers of the Co-Op could support whilst shopping. Thanks to the generosity of those customers we received funding to allow us to purchase some new picnic benches and a new garden shed, which were delivered last week. The benches, which have been constructed by the supplier, are now on the school field and look fabulous. We will, however, need to construct the garden shed, which has arrived in flat pack form, and site it and also move the existing shed to another location to be used as additional storage. Would there be any parents who would be willing and able to volunteer to assist with this task? If we are able to organise for a small group of parents to come down to school one weekend and undertake the work that would be fantastic. If you are able to assist with this work please contact the school office.

Finally, thank you to all adults and visitors (unless medically exempt) who continue to wear masks on school grounds and property. This is still the current government advice and we must all continue with this and do everything in our power to keep everyone safe.

Yours sincerely,
Fiona Sweetman