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Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you had a lovely holiday. It is always a delight to see the children come back into school so enthusiastically after their holiday! Thank you to everyone for helping the morning drop-off and afternoon collection go well on the first few days back in school. Despite the uncertainty with the new lockdown, we have lots of exciting things happening this term for the children.

Remembrance:

Remembrance is a very special time at Zouch. Although there are restrictions on gatherings, our Head Boy and Head Girl (Aman and Chloe) recorded a virtual assembly for Remembrance which the other children watched this morning. This included a 2 minutes' silence for everyone to think about those service men and women lost in war and to give thanks for everyone who continues to serve today. Well done to our winning poets who also read for the assembly:

Anjali and Chenmi

Online safety - 'Among Us'

It is important that you closely monitor children's internet use at all times to ensure they stay safe. Mr Morris, our Computing Leader would like to just raise awareness of *Among Us* – one of the big games of 2020, which has become popular through TikTok. Although the age rating is 7+, it can be a source of inappropriate language or grooming, where adults or older children try to befriend younger children. Like many online games, there is also access to ingame purchasing.

Children in Need

Next Friday (13th November) we will be raising money for *Children in Need*. Children can wear brightly coloured clothes and bring £1 or pay on Parent Pay, **see link below**. If your child has PE or Forest School on Friday, the clothes they wear must be appropriate for these.

https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1271

6th November 2020

Curriculum and Class Texts:

Today your child will have brought home their new curriculum web with information all about their exciting new themes. Children have also started their new class texts this week. These are as follows:

Nursery - Where the Poppies Now Grow by Hilary Robinson Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, Where Have You Been? I've Been to London to Visit the Queen by Russel Punter and Dan Taylor

Reception - *Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, Where Have You Been? I've Been to London to Visit the Queen* by Russel Punter and Dan Taylor

Years 1 & 2 – Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers

Year 3 - How to Be a Viking by Cressida Cowell

Year 4 - How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Year 5 - *Poppy Field* by Michael Morpurgo and *Finding Winnie* by Lindsay Mattick

Year 6 – *Poppy Field* and *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo





Anti-Bullying Week

From 16th November, we will be taking part in anti-bullying week. The children will be doing assemblies and workshops all about staying safe, friendships and understanding the difference between bullying and falling-out with a friend.

Wet/Cold Weather

A reminder that children need jumpers and coats in school every day. A reminder that on PE days, the school jumper must be worn on top of PE kits.

PE and Forest School Days for this term:

	PE	Forest Schools
Monday	Y2 Kingfishers	
	Y2 Woodpeckers	
Tuesday	YR Wrens	YR Wrens
-	YR Robins	YR Robins
Wednesday	Y5 Sparrowhawks	Y6 Tawny Owls
	Y5 Peregrines	Y6 Snowy Owls
	Y6 Tawny Owls	
	Y6 Snowy Owls	
Thursday	Y4 Ospreys	Y2 Kingfishers
	Y4 Kestrels	Y2 Woodpeckers
	Y1 Skylarks	
	Y1 Nightingales	
Friday	Y3 Merlins	Y4 Ospreys
	Y3 Eagles	Y4 Kestrels

Reception (Wrens and Robins) will need to wear the following every **Tuesday**: trainers or plimsolls, jogging/tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt, school jumper. They will also need their coat and should have their wellies in school.

Years 1-6 will need to wear PE kit (with a school jumper) on their PE day: trainers, jogging/tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt, school jumper.

For Forest School day they should wear normal school uniform but may wear dark coloured jogging/tracksuit bottoms. They will also need their coat and should have their wellies in school.

Guidance on Symptoms

If your child develops any symptoms of Covid-19, he/she and any siblings must not come into school for 10 days from the first day of the symptoms.

Symptoms are:

High temperature; New/Continuous Cough; Loss of Smell or Taste

You must arrange for your child to be **tested** as soon as possible.

If your child receives a **negative test**, he/she and any siblings may return to school.

If your child receives a **positive test**, he/she and any siblings should remain off school for 14 days from **the date** of the positive test and school must be notified.

If it is known that your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, your child must isolate for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 13th November: Children in Need non-school uniform (wear bright colours). Donations can be made on Parent Pay using this link:

https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx ?shopid=1271

Monday 23rd November: Rec to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations

Friday 18th December: Break up for Christmas, 1PM finish.