

Dear Parents and Carers

## Covid Safety

Thank you to all parents who are working with us to keep us all safe during this Covid Pandemic. Please remember that only ONE adult per family should come on to school grounds to drop off and pick up children. Older, secondary aged school children need to wait outside the school gates.

**Due to the rise in Covid19 cases and listening to our parent voice, as from Monday 12 October all adults coming onto the school site will be required to wear a mask.**

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please call or email the school office to make an appointment.

## Reading

At Pilgrims' Way Primary school, we love reading in all areas of our curriculum and celebrate how your child makes progress from early phonics and love of stories to fluent and knowledgeable young people who have a passion for reading.

Reading with your child is vital. Research shows that it is the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. It is best to read little and often, so try to put aside some time for it every day. At Pilgrims' Way, we expect every child to read at home for at least 10 minutes to an adult at least 5 times a week.

Think of ways to make reading fun - you want your child to learn how pleasurable books can be. It is not just about reading the words correctly but understanding what they have read – so ask questions. If you are both enjoying talking about the content of a particular page, linger over it for as long as you like.

Books are not just about reading the words on the page; they can also present new ideas and topics for you and your child to discuss.

Tips for helping your child to enjoy books:

- \* Encourage your child to pretend to 'read' a book before he or she can read words
- \* Schedule a regular time for reading - perhaps when you get home from school or just before bed
- \* Buy dual-language books if English is not your family's first language - you can talk about books and stories, and develop a love for them, in any language
- \* Look for books on topics that you know your child is interested in - maybe dragons, insects, cookery or a certain sport
- \* Make sure that children's books are easily accessible in different rooms around your house
- \* Audiobooks are great too. Apps like Audible are great and offer hundreds of children's books.

Thank you for your support. Class teachers will be monitoring how often your child reads at home. Please see your child's class teacher for additional ways to help your child become fluent readers.

Warm regards - Miss AM Middleton - Headteacher

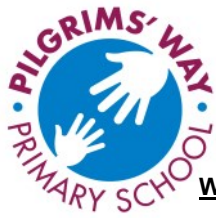
**\*From Monday 12 October**



**Face masks  
must be  
worn**



**No entry  
without a  
face mask**



# Pilgrims' Way News



Friday 9th October 2020 Term 1

Website: [www.pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk](http://www.pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk) Facebook: Search: Pilgrims' Way Primary School



## ClassDojo

You have received a letter inviting you to join Class Dojo to connect with your child's account. The ClassDojo app is available through the App Store and Google Play Store, and is 100% free to use. As a parent, the app will allow you to do the following:

- \* Review the last two weeks of points received by your child
- \* Safely and privately message with your child's teacher
- \* View, like, and comment on the pictures and/or videos that your child's teacher posts to Class Story View, like, and comment on the pictures and/or videos that your child and child's teacher post to Student Portfolios
- \* View whole-school news posted to School Story

Please follow the class specific link on the letter you received. If you need any help, please just let us know.

### School Website

Have you looked at the school website recently? As we discovered during lockdown, it is essential to stay up to date with what is happening in school. The website is a place to turn to for school information and the first place to visit if you have a question:

What is for lunch tomorrow? [Click here](#)

When do Butterfly Class do PE? [Click here](#)

What will my child learn about in history lessons? [Click here](#)

When is half term? [Click here](#)

### Data Collection Sheets

It is really important that the information we hold about you and your child is correct, especially in case of accident or illness.

**If the information is incorrect** - please make any amendments or additions, then sign and return the form to the school office.

**If the information is correct** – please sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

### Flu Immunisation Consent

You must give or refuse consent for your child to have this done before 19th October 2020.

Please click on the link <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/imms-consent-form/> and quote reference number – 145951



Only one parent/adult per family to drop off and collect.

