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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your continued help and support as we move towards finishing our third full week back in school.

As we always do at this time of year, we are starting to catch all of the 'normal' autumnal bugs that are around. You wouldn't believe how much evidence of congestion (shall we say) that we are observing in school at the moment! I know that a lot of parents are really concerned about sending their child in to school with a cough....but colds do still exist! To help with this I have attached a letter that I received today from the NHS Test and Trace department. It details what symptoms require a test and which are linked to a common cold. It also links to NHS documents about when to keep your child off school. Please read this alongside the other documentation that we have already sent out from the DfE about absence from school. My revolting key words at the moment are.....'If you have snot, then it's not!'

I have also had quite a few enquiries about 'normal' activities that we usually do in school. The biggest one at the moment is whether 'The Spooky Walk and Disco' will be happening. In light of current legislation, I cannot see how we could possibly run such an event at this moment in time. I'm really sorry about this, but it just isn't workable. All our PTA fundraising is going to have to take some sort of 'virtual' form, until the current legislation eases up.

**Do you have any good, workable, ideas about what we can do?**

If so, please feel free to email them into Beccy and we'll have a look at them. I'm hoping that we will be able to run the 'Lotto Bingo' again as this can be organised and run virtually. We will also be, hopefully, doing Christmas Cards again this year. What about the Gallop? I hear you all cry - I definitely am, as it tops up our school budget a lot and our ipads etc are now getting quite old. Will we be able to host it? Who knows? But if we can't then what are we going to do? Could it be virtual as well?

A PTA meeting to discuss these issues will hopefully be being set up soon, in some form or another, to try to find a way forward for the school and our funds. Again, if you have any brilliant thoughts or suggestions, please email them through to Beccy. However.....

**Our first 'virtual' fundraising event is happening as we speak!** Mr Heason and Mr Richardson have worked really hard on setting up a new Under 16 Fell race for the area. This has been advertised in the racing calendar too! There are 3 different lengths of run which running club trialled last year – even I managed to run the Duckling run! All you have to do is sign up, give school a donation (literally anything you fancy), download the app and off you go! The details are on the link below.

If you don't fancy running it, why not just sign in and donate then have an enjoyable walk through the woods? The beauty of this race is that you can do it whenever you want to or have time to and if lots of people sign up then we'll hopefully get some much needed funds into school too.

Again, thank you so much in advance for your support in all of the above.

Warm regards,

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