



# Newsletter September 2020

## Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all members of our school family, with a particular mention to any new Reception and Nursery children. After an uncertain and difficult few months, I am delighted that we are all able to be back together, in school, albeit a little bit differently to normal. All of the children have been excellent and have adapted so well to the safety measures and guidelines that we have had to put in place— they make us so proud!

## A huge thank you

I would like to say a big thank you to all parents, carers and children for working so hard to follow the guidelines and procedures that we have put in place in order to safely return to school. Your cooperation has enabled us to successfully put into practise our protocol and has enabled a really smooth transition back to school for all of our children and school family.

Things are changing all of the time and we receive updated advice from the government and local authority almost daily. I know that you will continue to work with us to implement any changes necessary in order to keep all members of our school family safe.

## Reading and Homework

Reading is one of the most important skills that a child needs in order to be able to access all other areas of the curriculum and is the key to opening up possibilities for the future. From today all children will begin to bring home a reading book from school again. Each week the book will go out on a Friday and we would appreciate it if you could return the book on a Monday.

The Year 5 and 6 children have been trialling a brilliant reading programme in school called Reading Plus. This is an online reading resource and the Year 5/6 children now have access to this exciting resource at home. Bug Club is our fantastic online reading resource - the children from Nursery up to Year 6 have logins. Please encourage your child to log on to access the huge selection of texts and enjoy the rewards of completing Bug challenges!

Over the coming weeks all children will also receive maths and phonic/spelling homework to complete. Please watch out for more information on this from your child's teacher.

## Packed Lunch

Please can I ask that for health and safety reasons, you do not put nuts into your child's lunchbox. Also, please make sure that lunches are healthy and in line with our packed lunch policy.

## Contact details

For safety reasons, please ensure that if you change your phone number or address then you let school know as soon as possible. There are occasions when we need to be able to contact parents quite quickly so it is so important that we have up to date information.

## Parents' Evenings

In the current climate we are still aiming to limit the amount of visitors to enter the school site, in order to eliminate as much risk as possible, to all in our school family. In Autumn Term, parents will be given the option to attend a virtual Parent's Evening to find out about their child's progress.

Watch out for more information to follow!

## ParentPay

Please remember to keep your ParentPay account in credit at all times for school meals and breakfast club. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Attendance/Timings of the school day

Our current system of staggering our entrance and exit into school is working very well.

### Entering School

**Class 1 and Class 2 can come into school between 8.35am-8.45am**

**Class 3 and Class 4 can come into school between 8.50am -9.00am**

### Exiting School

**Class 1 and Class 2 exit at 3pm**

**Class 3 and Class 4 exit at 3.15pm**

Please adhere to these timings to help minimise gathering on the yard or at the school gates.

## Breakfast Club/Tea time Club

We are very happy to be able to provide a Breakfast Club and Tea Time Club for our children in school. Children can arrive at breakfast club from 7.45am up until 8.20am. Tea Time Club runs in 2 sessions, you can book for just the earlier sessions between 3.15pm-4.15pm, or you can extend this session and book an extra session from 4.15-5.15pm.

We understand that in these uncertain times, many parents do rely heavily on this service. In order for us to be able to keep our children in their 'bubbles' and ensure that we have adequate staffing to match the numbers attending Breakfast Club and Tea Time Club, places **must** be booked in advance. Mrs Johnston sends out a weekly message with booking arrangements for these clubs and we would really appreciate it if anyone requiring a place for their child, books and returns the information in the timescale requested.

We thank you for your cooperation!



## Dates for your Diary!



Whole school Fun Run	Friday 9th October
Children Break up for Half-Term	<b>Thursday 22nd October</b>
<b>Teacher training day</b>	<b>Friday 23rd October-school closed</b>
Children return to school	Monday 2nd November

### 2020-2021 Holiday Dates

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Summer 2020	Friday 17 July 2020	Thursday 3 September 2020
Autumn half-term 2020	Thursday 22 October 2020	Monday 2 November 2020
Christmas 2020	Friday 18 December 2020	Tuesday 5 January 2021
Spring half-term 2021	Friday 12 February 2021	Monday 22 February 2021
Easter 2021	Friday 26 March 2021	Tuesday 13 April 2021
May Day 2021	Friday 30 April 2021	Tuesday 4 May 2021
Summer half-term 2021	Friday 28 May 2021	Monday 7 June 2021
Summer 2021	Tuesday 20 July 2021	Wednesday 1 September 2021

**School will be closed on the following days for staff training:**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**