



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 4th September 2020

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome!

I wish to extend huge thanks to the children, families and staff for what has proved to be a successful start to the new school year this week.

It has been so refreshing to hear and see a whole school full of children and families. I am enormously impressed with how well everyone has adapted to our new working arrangements.

I always knew that one of the most challenging aspects of the day would be collection of children at the end of the day – it certainly is a challenge to match 200 children safely to their socially distanced parent/carers at home time!

I thank you for your patience and assistance as we work through this aspect of our arrangements. At the time of writing we have not yet experienced all of the classes being collected at home time so I look forward to seeing how that goes. We will continue to keep all of our arrangements under review and if necessary will modify the timings of collection to help.

I feel that drop-off arrangements are working well and am pleased that we are able to give you all a degree of flexibility to suit your circumstances within a 20 minute window of arrival. Thank you for waiting in line and sending your children promptly to and through the gate; this helps to speed up the process. The children have been amazing at coming into school from the gates and making their way to the staff at the classrooms – well done to them all! Thank you also for the new small bags which many of the children have – these are really helping us to manage corridor spaces especially as they can be folded and put into pockets or trays.

Classes

As you know, children have been organised into class 'bubbles' in order to reduce the potential spread of infection. The children in each class bubble work and play together and remain socially distanced from children in other bubbles. Lunch and morning play will be staggered and drop-off and collection arrangements are slightly different to usual.

Childcare Services

A reminder that our Before and After School Childcare Services start week beginning 7th September. If you have not already done so and you would like to access these services, you will need to register your child. The Childcare Service will then be available for you to use either on a regular or ad-hoc basis. Please email or telephone the school office to request a form. Please note: when attending the Childcare service pupils will remain in their class bubble groups within the main group.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs will not run during the autumn term.

Cars

Please may I remind car drivers that cars are not permitted onto the school premises unless a prior arrangement has been made with the school office due to mobility reasons. Our drive is currently being used for pedestrians and it is vital, therefore, that cars are not a hazard to our pupils and their parents.

These measures are in place to protect all members of our school community and your co-operation is anticipated and appreciated.





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Mobile 'Phones

Please be reminded that children are not, under any circumstances, to have mobile 'phones with them during the school day or on school trips.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Play Equipment

Our play equipment in the playground is currently not being used at all due to our Covid-safe measures. The equipment is NOT to be used by any children after school hours while in your care.

Term Dates

As you will know from previous correspondence, holiday during term time will not be authorised and Penalty Notices (a fine) can be issued to parents who take children on holiday during term time. To assist you in booking holiday outside of term time term dates for 2020/2021 are noted below for ease of reference. Information regarding our staff training days is also indicated below. Please note that children are not required to attend school on staff training days.

Term Dates 2020/2021

<u>TERM 1 2020</u>	Wednesday, 2 nd September – Friday, 23 rd October 2020
<u>TERM 2 2020</u>	Monday, 2 nd November – Friday, 18 th December 2020
<u>TERM 3 2021</u>	Monday, 4 th January – Friday, 12 th February 2021
<u>TERM 4 2021</u>	Monday, 22 nd February – Thursday, 1 st April 2021
<u>TERM 5 2021</u>	Monday, 19 th April – Friday, 28 th May 2021
<u>TERM 6 2021</u>	Monday, 7 th June – Wednesday, 21 st July 2021

Staff Training Days (children not required to attend school)

Wednesday, 21st October 2020
Thursday, 22nd October 2020
Friday, 23rd October 2020
Thursday, 1st April 2021
Wednesday, 21st July 2021

As always, please don't hesitate to make contact via email or telephone with any queries, comments or concerns you may have.

Helen Comfort

The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu – Week 1

Week commencing 7th September 2020

Monday, 7th September – Before School Club and After School Club start for this term

-Reception class to attend either am or pm – see individual letters for details

Tuesday, 8th September - Reception class to attend either am or pm – see individual letters for details

Wednesday, 9th September - Reception class to attend either am or pm – see individual letters for details

Thursday, 10th September – Reception class to attend either am or pm – see individual letters for details

Friday 11th September - Reception class to attend either am or pm – see individual letters for details

