



School Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,



It is wonderful to see all of the children back in class and learning again after such a long absence; we are delighted with how well they have settled back in this term.

Although not without a little disruption, the enforced changes to our way of working during the pandemic are having a positive effect. **With localised infection rates at some of their highest levels since late Spring, it goes without saying that protecting our sterile school bubble is going to require a sustained commitment for much longer to come.** There is more detail on this overleaf that I ask for your help with.

Some parents have been asking me how they can help their child with learning and catching-up. Repetition and retrieval is really important in closing the gaps that have emerged during recent months. During this transition period we are publishing the children's weekly learning on the class page of the school's website for the purposes of embedding their learning. The weekly school work aside there are three ways to help:

1. Regular and frequent home reading
2. Build timestables and number bonds fluency
3. Talk to your children asking them 'What learning links have you made today?'

Thank you for your incredible support and cooperation – stay safe,

A Williams, Headteacher

Attendance

There is currently a high proportion of unavoidable absence for COVID-19 symptoms and self-isolating.

Yet with children having missed a significant chunk of school last year further avoidable absences will grow learning gaps to an even wider extent which will be potentially damaging.

Please make every effort to ensure that your child is absent for legitimate illnesses only. If you are in any doubt, please contact the school office immediately as we will be only too happy to advise you.

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October 2020

***The school calendar for 2020-21 can be found on the school's website.*

Autumn Term 2020

Sch closes:

Wed 21st Oct 3.15pm

INSET Days: 22.10.20,

23.10.20

Sch opens:

Mon 2nd Nov 8.50am

Sch closes:

Fri 18th Dec 3.15pm

Spring Term 2021

Sch opens:

Mon 4th Jan 8.50am

Sch closes:

Fri 12th Feb 3.15pm

Sch opens:

Mon 22nd Feb 8.50am

Sch closes:

Thurs 1st Apr 3.15pm

Summer Term 2021

Mon 19th April 8.50am

Closed Mon 3rd May

Bank Holiday

Sch closes:

Fri 28th May 3.15pm

INSET Days: 07.06.21,

08.06.21, 22.07.21

Sch opens:

Wed 9th June 8.50am

Sch closes:

Wed 21st June 3.15pm

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Staggered entry & Safety

A number of parents have asked us to review our staggered entry and exit times.

We promise that we will keep this under review as part of our wider (COVID) management strategy. Having closely examined it again we are unable to make any adjustments at this time.

The main barrier to reducing the wait time is the lack of a path around the school's full perimeter that would enable a safe one way system to operate. In addition, social distancing is being compromised by the volume of adults arriving 10-15 minutes before the children are released at the end of the day.

Further help is needed:

- When collecting from Reception please do not arrive before 3.10pm as waiting is compromising our social distancing;
- Please keep your child close to hand both on the junior field and infant playground, in particular siblings waiting during collection time as chasing games and playing in the woodland is currently compromising our protected bubbles and the safety of other by-standers.

Home Learning support

The learning for all classes will be published on our school website each week until further notice. This is to account for the rise in children's absences and in case a class bubble is suddenly collapsed for self-isolating.

You will find the weekly English and Maths as well as subject / topic in focus (this week it is Science).

We acknowledge that home learning is not the same as a child being in class with their teacher learning alongside their peers. Teachers have tried to make it as accessible as possible remotely.

We are currently exploring the feasibility of teachers adding video content of some lessons which we hope will feature in the future.

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