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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new term with safety adjustments! Thank you to everyone for making the adjustments with us. Thus far most of the things we have put in place seem to be working. Lunches with waitress support feels rather like every meal is similar to our Christmas dinner, with a little less food, but staff and children have responded very positively to "sittings".

The reason for staggering the start time of school was two-fold. To ensure a safe number of people on the playground at anyone time to ensure social distancing and to provide some individual catch up time for our pupils. We will continue to bring in each house in turn as this is working but there will be brief gaps as we complete the departure of each group of parents. It is advisable to be closer to the start time rather than the end of the time you have been given. eg Hoffman whose start time is 8.50am will be able to come in leave long before 9am. This will enable us to start the next house to keep a flow going in order to avoid cross-over.

The staff continued to work over the summer both at school and off-site although we did secure a time of close down within the six weeks. I am grateful for the commitment that has seen the school renovated in terms of the environment and preparation of work for "closing the gap". We are grateful for your successful home –schooling which means that we are in a better position to find smaller gaps!

There have also been exciting moments such as some remodelling in the centre of the school for our new reading area. Pictures of this will follow when the bespoke furniture we ordered in the holiday arrives over the next few weeks.

In this newsletter you will find additional information related to PE, Reading, Homework and Well-being.

Further information will follow about how we will suitably adjust to secure our normal school activities for the year.

Best wishes

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Information

PE days

Children will be expected to come to school in their PE kit on the days identified below:

EYFS - Mondays and Fridays

KS1 - Mondays and Wednesday

LKS2 - Wednesdays and Thursdays

UKS2 - Tuesdays and Fridays

If it is a colder day, children can wear their black jogging bottoms over their shorts and remove them later in the day, if needed.

Reading

To ensure reading remains a priority and a regular thing to enjoy at home, books will be changed on a set day of the week. They will then be put in a sealed box for a set length of time.

In EYFS, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 children will receive a new book and return their old reading book according to their house colour:

Blue - Monday,

Yellow - Tuesday,

Green - Wednesday

Red – Thurs

In Year 5 and 6, children will be given the option to change their books on a Wednesday, as they may be reading longer books, we are aware that they may not need to change their book weekly.

We will not be issuing reading records this year (to avoid things going back and forth between school and home), instead we shall be writing the name and title of the book on tapestry plus an initial comment, you shall then add your reading comments underneath this 'observation' as often as you listen to your child read (ideally 5 times a week).

Reading books will be issued to children over the next couple of weeks.

Homework

Homework will be set as it has in previous years but instead of using planners to write / stick it in, it will be sent via Tapestry. The children can then complete the work either directly onto tapestry (if a written piece) or a photo taken and sent as an 'observation'.

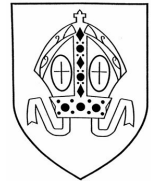


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Lunch Menu week commencing 7th September 2020

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Menu Week 2

Please remember to pre-order lunches on SCOPAY even if your child is bringing in a packed lunch from home.

Instructions can be found on our website/parent's page

Many thanks.

MONDAY	OPTION 1 Jacket Potato Cheese	OPTION 2 Jacket Potato Beans	Dessert Yoghurt Ice Cream Pots
TUESDAY	OPTION 1 Turkey Meatballs In a tomato sauce and Spaghetti	OPTION 2 Veggie Meatballs In a tomato sauce and Spaghetti	Dessert Iced Chocolate Sponge
WEDNESDAY	OPTION 1 Pulled Pork with BBQ Sauce In a wrap & Herby Diced Potatoes	OPTION 2 BBQ Quorn Wrap Herby Diced Potatoes	Dessert Pancakes with Butterscotch Sauce
THURSDAY	OPTION 1 Chicken Italian With rice	OPTION 2 Quorn Fillet Italian With rice	Dessert Ricecrispie Cake
FRIDAY	OPTION 1 Sea Dog Hash Browns, Peas Baked Beans	OPTION 2 Bean Burger Hash Browns, Peas or Baked Beans	Dessert Cookie

Well-being

How to nurture a child's mental health

