

Newsletter – September 2020

Welcome Back

It's been so lovely to have all of our children back in school and to see so many smiling faces. I think it is fair to say that as a staff team we are all incredibly pleased to be back, adapting to the 'new normal'. Thank you to everyone for working hard to follow our new procedures for drop-off and collection each day. All of the measures are in place to keep you and your children safe whilst in school. It would be helpful if as many of you as possible could walk to school rather than come in the car as due to the ongoing building works parking outside of school is extremely limited. Please see our 'September Return to School Information for Parents and Carers' on our school website for more information about how we have adapted procedures in school.

Welcome Meetings

Although our Year Group Welcome Meetings aren't able to happen in the same format as previous years, each phase (EYFS, Y1/2, Y3/4, Y5/6) has created a Welcome Meeting presentation to inform parents and carers of the expectations for this academic year. Please visit our school website and in the 'Information for Parents' section you will find a separate tab called 'Welcome Meetings' where you will be able to find out key information for your child's year group.

Class Dojo App

We ask that all parents/carers sign up to the Class Dojo app as our teachers will regularly send out messages and information via this platform. If you are struggling to connect to Class Dojo please ring the school office on 512202 and we will do our best to help you resolve any issues you may be having.

School Photographs

Our photographers will be visiting school on Mon 5th October to take children's individual and sibling photos. **Please note that due to the current situation, we will not be able to welcome families into school to take pictures with older and younger siblings.** Please be assured that our photographers will be following strict social distancing during the morning and staff members will be supporting the children.

PE Sessions

All children take part in regular PE sessions each week and children need their PE kit in school every week. This should consist of a t-shirt (white preferably), black shorts/leggings and either a change of trainers or pumps. As the term progresses and the weather becomes colder we ask that children have a long sleeved top and a pair of tracksuit bottoms. So that items do not go missing, please make sure names are written in the labels of clothing. Please make sure that on PE days children do not wear stud earrings, unless they can remove these themselves.

Reading - new procedures

Due to the current situation, children are unable to choose their own book from the corridor. We have organised a new system in school and each week your child will be sent home with a book that has been chosen by themselves in conjunction with their class teacher. When they have read the book it must be returned to school. Please also remember that your children can continue to access online reading programmes such as Epic and Oxford Owls. There are a wide range of books that you can access for free.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 25th September - Spotlight Day - Mindfulness Minds - more information to follow.

Monday 28th September - INSET Day - school closed

Monday 5th October - School Photographs

Wednesday 7th October - EYFS Phonics Session - virtual session details to be confirmed

Wednesday 21st October - Spooky dress-up day

Friday 23rd October - INSET Day

Please see the 'Term Dates' section of the school website to find out our term dates for the whole year.

Thank you for your continued support.
