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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back!

It really is great to be back! I hope that everyone had a brilliant Summer and despite all the restrictions you were able to enjoy spending quality time together as a family. On Thursday I was thrilled to see all the children looking so smart, keen and so happy to be back in school. I know it's the start of new things and I'm very encouraged by the positivity the staff and children bring to the school. It has been wonderful to hear the children around the corridors and in the playground being amongst their friends and so happy to be here.

I want to thank the parents for their understanding and kind words that have encouraged us and enabled pupils to come back and settle into school, we have had 95% attendance over the first two days. I know these are still challenging times and we may have to face local or national lockdowns in the future, but I can assure you the education and welfare of our children is always a priority. I want to thank the parents that have followed the guidance and made sure they knew when and where to collect their children, as it is imperative that strict times are kept so year group bubbles are not mixed.

Please send back pink contact forms as quickly as possible. We require up to date information and in these challenging times we may need to contact a parent quickly, which is a safeguarding concern when contact details have changed.

Start Times

As with any new set ups the school has had to adapt quickly to new guidance and new expectations, the team here have done fantastically well to make the alterations and put in place the many measures to ensure we are all kept as safe as possible. We are also aware that changes may need to be made when things don't work as well as hoped. In this case it has been highlighted how difficult it is to be able to pick up or drop off different children from separate playgrounds at the same time. We fully understand and for this reason new start times have been sent via 'Marvellous Me' to parents from the affected year groups. The changes are below and come into force from Monday morning. All other year groups to stay the same:

Reception start at 8.50am and finish at 3.05pm
Year 1 start at 8.55am and finish at 3.15pm
Year 3 start at 8.45am and finish at 3.10pm
Year 5 start at 8.45am and finish at 3.10pm

PE Kit & Swimming

To avoid any contamination and reduce the risk of Covid- 19 spreading the children do not need to bring PE kits into school. On the day that they have PE they will wear their kit to and from school instead of the normal school uniform. Please be aware that PE has to be outside so appropriate clothing and footwear is required.

At this time I cannot allow Swimming Lessons to resume, the swimming pool is unable to make sure pupils from different schools do not mix. This is something they are looking into and assure me they plan to resolve by the Spring Term, I will notify parents when a thorough risk assessment has been carried out and we feel it is safe to do so.

Tuck

To avoid confusion the children have to order tuck at the start of the day which is then collected and delivered to each class by a member of staff. To make sure the process runs as smoothly as possible we ask that you provide the correct amount of money as change cannot be sorted and returned. Toast will cost 20 pence a slice and a drink will cost 30 pence. The correct money should be sent in an envelope with name and amount on it. If you wish you can either order daily or for the whole week.

Milk letters for KS1 are to being sent out next week.

Online Safety

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully remind parents about being vigilant with reference to e-safety at home, especially as over lockdown we all have had to resort to online learning. A reminder to never leave your child unsupervised when they are online, never allow them to use a webcam, use parent blocks and filters to limit what your child has access to, check your child's 'history' to monitor their usage and ensure that they only play age appropriate games - I am aware that this appears quite 'intrusive', but keeping our children safe is of the utmost importance.

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