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NEWSLETTER

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A very warm welcome to the new school year!

After lots of planning in the holidays, hopefully you have found the new "pandemic" systems working okay. We won't always get everything right but we are trying our very best to balance everyone's safety with ensuring the children get the best education that we can give them.

Just a few reminders please:

• Only one adult per family to drop off/pick up. I fully understand that for your child's very first day in Reception/Nursery or if you are new to the school, both parents/carers may have attended but if we can now limit to one adult that helps to keep everybody safe.

• If you would like to wear a facemask when you are picking/dropping off then that is fine - as you have probably noticed, all staff are wearing a facemask when they leave their class bubble.

• We have a one way system at the end of the day for you to follow. In the mornings if you have children in EYFS/KS1 and KS2, your KS2 child can be dropped at Fieldfare Way entrance and they will be supervised walking around the school to their classroom.

• As from next week, Reception children should also be dropped at the top of the Fieldfare Way entrance.

• Say your "goodbyes" and load your child up with their bag before you have reached their "drop off" point and remain at 2 metres distance when lining up. This is to ensure that we keep the children flowing! If your child is having a bit of a moment, then just step to one side to let the other children come down.

• Remember to keep to the new HANDS FACE SPACE guidelines.

We know that so many of you rely on the school to stay open so that you can work - so if we can all abide by the rules, especially the government guidelines, then we have a better chance of being able to stay open.

A big thank you from all the staff for helping to make our first days back so positive. Your children have been amazing and have adapted to the new ways fantastically well. It is wonderful to have a school full of happy children eager to get on with their learningand the sound of laughter and the buzz of learning is heart-warming.

Take care and keep safe,



Why staying home if you have symptoms is important:

It is very important that people with symptoms of or a positive COVID-19 test and their household members stay at home. Staying at home will help prevent the spread of the virus to family, friends, the wider community, and particularly those who are <u>clinically</u> <u>extremely vulnerable</u>.

If you have <u>symptoms</u> of COVID-19 or a positive test, remain at home for at least 10 days after the onset of your symptoms (see <u>ending self-isolation</u> below). This will reduce the risk of you infecting others.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test, then you should avoid contact with other household members as much as possible.

Other members of your household, including those who do not have any <u>symptoms</u>, need to stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. Do not go out even to buy food or other essentials, and any exercise should be taken within your home. This 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in your house became ill or if they do not have symptoms, from the day their test was taken. There is more information in the <u>ending self-isolation</u> section below.

• Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD HAS A COLD

At this time of year, we do expect our usual numbers of colds and sore throats to still happen. If you have had to give your child Calpol or similar, please make sure the school office is informed.



After-School Club

Set Your Sights, our after-school club provider will be starting up again this week. They run from 3-6pm in our school studio. Email <u>office@setyoursights.net</u> or visit <u>www.setyoursights.net</u> to find out more about how to book.

After-school Sports

From next week, we're going to be offering the following 2 after-school sports clubs:

Tuesday – 3-4pm – Year 1 and 2 – Multisports – £12 for 6 sessions Thursday – 3-4pm – Years 3,4,5 or 6 – Multisports – £10 for 5 sessions

Important Reminder

8th October 2020 INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS Staff will be accessing training remotely with a world renowed educationalist!

Do check the school calendar on our website as our term dates can differ from other schools.



Ensuring We're All Ready to Learn

Our three school rules are ready, respectful and safe; the school rules are followed by all members of our school community (children, parents and families and staff).

This half-term we are going to be teaching pupils all the behaviours and routines they'll need to make a successful return to school.

Snack Time in KS2

In Years 3,4,5 and 6 children are encouraged to bring a snack into school for their mid-morning break. Children have been told in our school assembly this week that the following snacks are allowed:

Fresh or dried fruit Vegetables Yoghurt Cheese and crackers





Packed Lunches

If your child is coming into school with a packed lunch, please make sure it doesn't contain any solid chocolate bars (eg. Dairy milk bar, Freddo, Galaxy). Items that contain a small amount of chocolate are allowed (eg. Chocolate cookie, Kit Kat, penguin bar). Please remember, we are a nut-free school as we have a number of staff and children with severe nut allergies.

Diary Dates Mon 14 September 2.30pm Film shared for parents on youtube: 'Expectations for the Year' Fri 18 September Curriculum Day—Families & Friends Thurs 24 September 3pm—Y2 Virtual Café Fri 25 September Curriculum Day—European Languages Day Weds 30 September VIRTUAL—Y1 Senses Café Thurs 1 October VIRTUAL - EYFS Harvest Gathering Fri 2 October VIRTUAL—Show & Share Assembly—Mrs Andrews/Mr Cross' Class Friday 9 October 9am VIRTUAL Show & Share Assembly Mrs Parker's Class 2.30pm VIRTUAL Show & Share Assembly Miss Bettermann's Class Mon 12 October Y6 Parent Interviews All day TELEPHONE—Rec to Y5 Parents' Evening 3—6pm Tues 13 October TELEPHONE—Y6 Parent Interviews All Day Weds 14 October TELEPHONE—Rec to Y5 Parents' Evening 3—6pm Fri 16 October 9am VIRTUAL Show & Share Assembly—Mrs Walden & Mrs Sims' Class 2.30pm VIRTUAL Show & Share Assembly—Miss Peek's Class Mon 19 October TELEPHONE—Rec to Y5 Parents' Evening 3—6pm Weds 21 October VIRTUAL—Y4 Family & Friends Café Thurs 22 October VIRTUAL—Y3 Family & Friends Café LAST DAY OF HALF TERM Term Dates

Autumn Term—7th September to 18th December 2020—

INSET—3rd & 4th September 2020 8th & 23rd October 2020

Spring Term—4th January to 25th March 2021—INSET—26th March 2021

Summer Term—13th April to 22nd July 2021