



Newsletter – 2nd November 2020

We start the second half of the Autumn term adjusting to the news that England will be beginning a month-long national lockdown from Thursday 5th November to Wednesday 2nd December. The government currently has a clear intention to keep schools open. We do have to be mindful, however, that guidance can change quickly so please stay alert for emails and other communication from school as we move into lockdown.

Dropping off and picking up at the end of the day

Please can we all do the following:

- Wear a facemask at all times but be prepared to show your face to staff if we need to check your identity
- Only one adult at picking up time please to reduce the number of people on site
- Keep your distance from others on the playground
- Ensure that your child is not late for school as, where possible, children should be entering via their own classroom and not the main entrance
- Arrive for your pick-up time and leave the site quickly
- We will let you onto the school site as soon as it is safe to do so but arriving early causes obstruction on the pavement
- Year 2 parents should wait in the three areas outside the classrooms that we will signpost for you. It should make collection quicker and distancing easier!

Remote learning

At this time, we are very grateful indeed that we haven't had a positive test from children or staff but many of you will be aware that other schools locally have had to close year group bubbles.

In the event of a bubble closing we will be running an online learning timetable with a mix of live and recorded inputs. All children have had details of their school email address and passwords in their **reading records**. You will need these to access Microsoft 365 Education for class meetings, work for the children and videos of teaching inputs.

We will continue to email a learning schedule to families who do not have access to Microsoft 365 or provide hard copy learning packs.

In the event of a class bubble closure all children were also given an exercise book to record their work in at home. You can also use this if your child needs to isolate at home because a family member has tested positive or if they are waiting for a test but are otherwise feeling well.

These are complicated times and, like you, we want to make sure that the children keep up with their learning if they are not in school. We will keep in close contact with children and families who are not in school but, if you are worrying now about any aspect of home learning, please talk to us if you so that we can support you.

Christmas

We are planning on performing Christmas plays in our class bubbles this year. The Reception classes will be performing 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' and the Year 1 and 2 classes will be performing 'The Innkeeper's Cat'. Our plan is to video these performances to share with parents.

Dates for the Diary	
November	
Monday 2 nd	Children return to school
Tuesday 3 rd	1 pm: Zoom meeting re Phonics Screening Test for Year 1
Tuesday 3 rd	2 pm: Zoom meeting re Phonics Screening Test for Year 2
Wednesday 4 th	10.00 am: Zoom meeting for Years 1 & 2 parents re Reading (details to follow)
	<i>The Zoom meeting links have been sent via ParentMail.</i>
December	
Thursday 3 rd	Flu vaccinations. Further details to follow nearer the time.
Monday 14 th	Christmas party day
Friday 18 th	Break up for Christmas holiday

TERM DATES: 2020-2021		
	Open on morning of	Close at end of afternoon of
Autumn Term		
2nd half	Monday 2 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020
Spring Term	Tuesday 5 January 2021	Friday 12 February 2021
	Monday 22 February 2021	Thursday 1 April 2021
Summer Term	Tuesday 20 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021
	Tuesday 8 June 2021	Wednesday 21 July 2021
Staff Training Days	<i>Monday 4 January 2021 Monday 19 April 2021 Monday 7 June 2021</i>	