

Dear Parents,

NEWSLETTER No. 1

Welcome back to the new school year. It is so lovely see everyone back at school. We have had new guidelines about how the school will operate day to day which means that we no longer need to stay in bubbles but we are proceeding with great caution.

As a reminder

While we had a relaxation of government restrictions over the last few months, we still need to ensure that we maintain a safe school environment to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. In order to achieve this, it is important that we continue to follow certain procedures. These include:

- the continuation of our one way system at the start and the end of the school day
- continue to have a staggered start in the mornings from 8.40am with all pupils expected to be in class at 8.55am
- we ask that parents continue to wear a facemask when dropping off or picking up. This will be reviewed at the end of September. Hand sanitiser will be available if you wish to use it.
- Year 1-6 pupils can be dropped at the red school gates and can walk to their classroom door where their teachers will meet them. (some children may prefer to be dropped off by a parent on the first day).
- The school day will now finish at 3.15pm and the gates will open at 3.10pm. Please follow the one-way system.
- Classes are not required to be in bubbles and lunches and playtimes will be together.
- Rooms will continue to be ventilated regardless of the weather outside. Children should wear layers so if the classroom is becoming a little chilly or too hot they can quickly adjust to the environment.

The staff and I are really looking forward to the year ahead but we know we may have to adapt quickly to change if the COVID19 situation changes.

Over the summer, we recruited several new members of staff as well our new school direct trainees. They are very welcome to our school. We also have three new members to the admin team, Mrs Melanie Burrell, Mrs Adele Street and Mrs Aby Stephens.

Staffing: A reminder of our staffing for 2021-2022.

Class	Teacher 2021-2022	Teaching Assistant	School Direct Trainee
Nursery	Mrs Maria Sims	Mrs Hutchinson (Part time) Mrs. May (Part time) Mrs. Salter (Part time) Mrs. Morrison (Part time) Miss Lyall	N/A
Reception	Mrs Jenni Cowley	Miss. Joely Wilkins Mrs. Elizabeth Guest	Miss Simcock
Year 1	Mrs Lisa Cox	Miss Lottie Baird	Mr Williams
Year 2	Mr Matt Tibbitts	Mrs Bishola Danner Mrs Deb Grant	Mr King
Year 3	Miss Hayley Field	Miss Sally Gray	Mr Rose
Year 4	Miss Megan Cooper	Mrs Caroline Mulliner	N/A
Year 5	Mrs Amie Jabczynski	Mr. Owen Jones	Mrs Barnard
Year 6	Mrs Jacqui Pote (3 days) Mrs Lara Bakewell (2 days)	Mrs. Chalk	Mr Murray
Cressview	Mrs Deb Lindsay (4 days) Mrs Sarah Kemp (1 day)	Mrs Kerry Webb Mrs Karen Taylor Mrs Caroline Mulliner (part time in Year 4 as well)	N/A

School Direct trainees will be working alongside the class teacher and their mentors as well as the University of Worcester to complete their teacher training. The school continues to lead this programme and have got 16 trainees in total working in the local schools.

Uniform

Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone and we encourage all pupils to wear the full school uniform. Your child should wear PE uniform to school on the designated PE and Games days (school colours). Pupils should wear the correct school and PE uniform on the correct days and remain smart, safe and comfortable. School shoes please and no logos on the PE uniform. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.

School Playing Field

The school playing field remains closed between 8am and 6pm on school days as it is used by the school during these times.

We ask politely that you supervise your children when they are in the park and do not allow them to damage the grounds. As a reminder to all, the playing field is school property and the school maintains it's upkeep which is very costly.

Parent Induction Evening Monday 13th September 3.45pm -4-50pm

Next week, after we all have had a chance to settle into school life, we will be holding an Induction Meeting for all parents from Nursery to Year 6. Due to the continuing COVID restrictions the meetings will take place remotely on Teams and you can join using your child's email address. This is a very important meeting to attend as it will give you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, hear about their new working environment and some of the resources they will be using. Your child's teacher will talk about the programme of study and how we can work together to ensure the best outcomes.

Each teacher will deliver a talk twice over the course of the evening so that you can join all your children's meetings. The school looks forward to welcoming all parents to these remote meetings. In our experience, children are most successful when we all work in partnership with each other. As parents' you are a big part of their educational journey and it is vital you understand how they learn and your role as parents particularly in the current climate. The live meetings will allow you an opportunity to ask questions but the meetings will also be recorded and uploaded on Teams.

Year Group	Meeting Time	
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Nursery	3.45pm-4.05pm	4.10pm-4.30pm
Reception	3.45pm-4.05pm	4.10pm-4.30pm
Year 1	4.05pm-4.25pm	4.30pm- 4.50pm
Year 2	3.45pm-4.05pm	4.10pm-4.30pm
Year 3	4.05pm-4.25pm	4.30pm-4.50pm
Year 4	3.45pm-4.05pm	4.10pm-4.30pm
Year 5	4.05pm-4.25pm	4.30pm- 4.50pm
Year 6	4.05pm-4.25pm	4.30pm-4.50pm

STAR After School Club

Star club started again this week for all pupils from Nursery to Year 6. Just to remind you we have two after school sessions. The first session runs from 3.15pm until 4.30pm and the second session runs from 4.30pm until 6pm Monday to Friday. We continue to run our 'In Shape for Schools' for Year 2-6 every morning from 8am and breakfast club for Nursery to Year 1. If you would like to sign up for any of our after-school sessions, please collect a booking form from the office or download one from the school website.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs start next week. The finish time can differ so please make a note of this.

After School Procedures

Your child will be asked just after registration where they are going at the end of the school day. It is important that your child know this information so that the staff can ensure that they can be dismissed to the correct club and is a back up to our club registers. If your child is registered to attend a club and is not attending a session, please let the office know.

Walking Home

Please remember KS2 children will only be permitted to walk home or walk to your car if you provide a letter. We ask parents to carefully risk assess the walk and make sure that there is always someone there to meet them. We strongly discourage your child walking alone when the evenings become darker.

Parents Evening

We will be holding parents' evening in early October this year to discuss how your child has settled in. Parents evening will take part on

Monday 18th October 2021	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)
Tuesday 19th October 2021	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)

You can book using our online system from Monday 27th September. The meetings will be remote and held through our Teams Platform

As with our induction evening, we strongly encourage all parents to attend.

Assemblies

Please see below the timetable for assemblies this term. There is also a copy on the website. At the moment all assemblies, will be remote. If your child is involved in the assembly then you will receive an invitation to attend and hopefully the technology will behave and you will be able to join us.

Learning Assemblies 9.10am**Autumn Term 2021****Thursday 16th September**

Year 2/5 Davenport

Thursday 23rd September

Year 5 and Year 6 Harvest Assembly

Thursday 30th September

Reception Harvest Assembly

Thursday 7th October

Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Assembly

Thursday 14th October

Year 3 and Year 4 Harvest Assembly

Thursday 21st October

Year 3/ Year 6 Higgs

Half Term**Thursday 4th November**

Reception Wright Assembly

Thursday 11th November

Year 1/ Year 4 Davenport

Thursday 18th November

Year 3/ Year 6 Wright

Thursday 25th November

Year 2/5 Owen

Thursday 2nd December

Reception Higgs Assembly

Wednesday 8th DecemberYear 3 and Year 4 Christmas
Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am**Thursday 9th December**Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas
Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am**Monday 13th December**Nursery Christmas Assembly/Concert
@ 9.15am**Tuesday 14th December**Reception Christmas Assembly
/Concert@ 9.15am

Wednesday 15th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am
Friday 17th December	Whole School Christmas End of Term Celebration (Staff and Pupils only)

Parking

Parents are reminded that you must not park on or opposite the zig zags at any time during the school day, including clubs. Please do not park across or block driveways or on road junctions. We run an unofficial one-way system so that all cars drive in from Barton road and leave via the church and ask that parents drive at 10mph. Your cooperation will ensure greater safety for all coming to and leaving school.

Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please contact the school office for more information.

House Captains

Our new house and Vice captains will be voted in next week by pupils. In addition, our Year 6 has applied for a wide range of jobs ranging from helping in the library, bus buddies to sport captains. Thank you to our new wonderful Year 6 for helping out with these important roles.

Parent, Babies and Toddlers Group to start next week

We are delighted to finally start our 'Stay and Play Sessions on.

Wednesday 15th September from 9.15am- 11.15am

and hope to set this up as a regular session each week. It is available for parents and toddlers in the local area. The sessions will be held in the new school hall and further information, please let others know about this event. We look forward to welcoming you into school

Parent Information Sheet

You should have received you parent information sheet this week from your class teacher.

New Guidelines Issued about Isolation

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- **they are fully vaccinated**
- **they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months**
- **they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial**
- **they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons**
- **Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.**

VERY IMPORTANT

If your child is ill and shows any symptoms of COVID19 then they must not come into school and should stay at home until they have completed a PCR test. **However, if your child is a close contact of someone with COVID then they no longer need to isolate unless contacted by the NHS Trace and Trace and told to do so.**

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Leeman and Staff