



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

It has been lovely to see so many of you over the last couple of days. We have all loved having the children back in school and they are clearly enjoying being together again. The staff have so enjoyed welcoming in their new classes; I would like to say thank you to all of the wonderful adults in school for their incredible hard work, preparing for the start of this term.

We are very proud of how well the children are adapting to our new routines. Despite the fact we have made every effort to keep things as 'normal' as possible for them, we have inevitably had to make some changes to their school day. Assemblies are held in class, rather than in the hall, and the children are eating lunch in their rooms too. Lunchtimes are now 45 minutes long rather than one hour in order to stagger lunchtimes, including use of outdoor areas, for each 'bubble'. However, we have introduced a 15 minute afternoon break to make up for it!

We would also like to thank all of you parents too. We very much appreciate how efficient you have all been, dropping the children at the school gate in the mornings, and waving goodbye from there. I am sure you have had your own anxieties regarding the children returning to school so if you do ever have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to say. Some of our systems may change as we review things, so please do bear with us. I will of course keep you informed but please be assured that all of the systems we are putting in place are done solely to keep us all as safe as possible.

Meet the Teacher

Previously, at the start of each new school year, we have invited parents into school for our 'Meet the Teacher Sessions'. These sessions have always provided an excellent opportunity for teachers to share information regarding curriculum, year group expectations, homework etc. However, as I am sure you appreciate, we are unable to offer that invitation this year. Next week instead, we will be sending home a link to an online presentation which the year group teachers have made available for parents via Streams. The link for your child's session will be sent via email on Wednesday 9th September. If you then have any questions or queries please do email your child's class teacher. Email addresses can be found on the school website.

School Lunches

As you are aware, at present school lunches are provided 'in a bag' to be eaten in class but we will review this system with the catering staff at the end of next week. As soon as we are in a position to reinstate the usual school meal system we will let you know. In the meantime, if your child normally has a school lunch and you have decided to send your child in with a packed lunch from home, please can you advise the office as soon as possible so that the kitchen can plan ahead and to avoid being charged. Once hot lunches return we will again need to be notified that you would like your child to have this option.

CLUBS

Before and after school clubs have always been a great source of enjoyment and enrichment for the children. Obviously we are limited in what we can offer at the moment but will be writing to you shortly regarding some outdoor clubs which will be available.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to Years 1 and 2 joining us on Monday.