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Headteacher's News

A very warm welcome back to everyone at the beginning of this new school year. It has been a long time coming, and I think there is definitely a feeling of people wanting to 'get back to normality'. We do not know how things will pan out this term, but hope that everyone will enjoy being back within the school environment, despite certain restrictions.

Over the coming week I am sure we will be tweaking our systems slightly as we see what does and does not work. Can I please remind parents that **only one adult** should drop off and collect children. Despite the staggered times, it is still busy before and after school, and having less adults around will help with social distancing. You should all by now have received a copy of our new routines and guidance, along with information about what to do in the many different Covid-related scenarios. If you need anything clarified, or have any further questions, please just ask.

Mr Park - Headteacher

School Updates

Face Coverings

Updated guidance remains that face coverings are not required in primary classrooms. There are certain instances when pupils will see these being used by adults such as lunchtimes, when children may need some help, or when staff cannot keep 2m apart from people not in their bubble. If any children are wearing face coverings on their way to school, please ensure:

- Hands are cleaned before and after touching masks
- They can be stored in clean, sealable plastic bags between use
- If a mask becomes damp, it is not worn and replaced completely

Temporary face coverings should be placed in a bin (not recycling) or placed in a sealed bag to take home.

Thank you

P.E Lessons

We have altered our P.E timetable slightly for this half-term. As we said before the holiday, **children may come to school dressed in their school P.E. kit on the days they have P.E.** (white t-shirt and blue shorts, or white t-shirt with joggers/tracksuit if it's cold) but this will no longer be Monday and Tuesday for everyone.

Class 1: Mondays

Class 2: Tuesdays and Wednesday

Class 3: Mondays and Tuesdays

Class 4: Mondays and Fridays

After-School Clubs

An email/letter went out about this yesterday. We have 3 clubs on offer, as we slowly re-introduce this area of our school life. The clubs are provided by Craig's Coaching who we have worked with for many years.

Tuesdays: Class 1 – Soccertots

Wednesdays: Class 2 – Huff and Puff

Fridays: Classes 3 and 4 - Football

If you would like a place at any of these clubs, please contact the school office.

Class Teacher Meetings

Usually at the beginning of a new year, we invite parents into school to have a meeting with the class teacher. This is a chance to see the classroom, learn a little about routines, expectations, and how reading works in each class. As we cannot do that this year, we will be holding virtual meetings next week. You will be sent a link via Zoom on the day of the meeting, and, if you wish to attend, simply click on the link at the time of the meeting to join in. The timetable for meetings is as follows (please note Class 1 is separated into Reception and Year 1):

Monday: Reception - 5.00pm

Wednesday: Year 1 – 4.00pm/ Class 4 – 4.30pm

Thursday: Class 2 – 4.00pm/ Class 3 – 4.30pm

E-Schools

This year we have signed up to a new online-learning platform. Eschools will be a way of continuing to provide online learning, should any pupil be unable to come to school, but is still well enough to learn. This could be, for example, if we enter a 'local lockdown', someone has to quarantine, or needs to isolate as someone else in the house has a positive test result. It will also be used for homework, spellings, resources, and will be a central resource to access all our school online subscriptions. You will receive more information about this, and login details in the coming days.

New Covid-Rules

In line with the new guidelines and routines, we are introducing some new school rules as an addition to our behaviour policy. Please discuss these at home with your children, to support us in implementing them at school.

- Follow the new routines for entering and leaving school
- Follow school instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising
- Ensure you remain with your 'bubble' at breaktimes in the area you have been given
- Use the markings around school to keep a safe distance from people when moving from one area to another or queuing up
- Follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' rule by sneezing into a tissue and placing it in the bin
- Tell an adult if you are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus
- Breaks or play times, including where children may or may not play
- Only use the toilet for your class
- Do not cough or spit at or towards any other person
- Avoid touching your face

Dates for Academic Year 2020/21

Please note, events are limited at the moment due to the uncertainty around restrictions, and everything will be subject to change.

Tuesday 15 th September	Zumba Kids - Years 1 and 6
Tuesday 15 th September	Intra-school sports competition - Classes 2 and 3
Tuesday 22 nd September	Sports Leaders Training – Year 6
Friday 23 rd October	Break up for half-term
Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school
Friday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 4 th January	Children return to school
Friday 12 th February	Break up for half term
Monday 22 nd February	Children return to school
Friday 26 th March	Break up for Easter
Monday 12 th April	Children return to school
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 4 th May	Children return to school
Monday 10 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS begin
Friday 28 th May	Break up for half term
Monday 7 th June	Inset Day for Staff – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 8 th June	Children return to school
Friday 16 th July	Break up for Summer
Monday 19 th July	Inset Day for staff
Tuesday 20 th July	Inset Day for staff