



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is great to have the school full again and to see everyone settled and happy in their classes. Our new routines already feel established and the children have been brilliant at learning and adhering to these. We had our first 'zoom' assembly on Thursday so that the school could come together and see each other in their class rooms and so that we could give out the prizes to the winners of the art competition – well done to the winners! Thank you to parents and carers for sticking to our social distancing and to the drop-off and collection times for different classes. I would like to remind you that the social distancing measures extend to out-of-school situations so please encourage children to remember these when walking to and from school, as well as at other times such as at the play area/park. Thank you.

Tom Singleton
Head of School

Reading

Thank you for reading regularly with your children. To support them further – ask them questions about what is happening in their book, or ask them to predict what might happen next.

VERY IMPORTANT Absence from school

If your child is unable to attend school please phone to confirm their absence before 9.30 am on the day. If the absence continues longer then a phone call is now requested daily again before 9.30 am. Thank you.

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term

Monday 7 September

Friday 18 December

Half term week 26 October

PD Day Friday 27 November

Spring Term

Tuesday 5 January

Thursday 26 March

Half term week 15 February

Summer Term

Monday 12 April

Wednesday 21 July

Half term week 31 May

COVID SYMPTOMS

New and continuous cough
High temperature
Loss of taste/smell

NOTE: the common cold /allergy symptoms of sneezing and a runny nose are not common COVID symptoms and if well enough children can attend school with a common cold.

School Meals

We need to make parents aware that all school meals are charged at £2.30 each for children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 with the only exception to children who are entitled to Free School Meals and Pupil Premium. School meals should be paid for at the beginning of each week. EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are still entitled to Universal Free School meals.

Cash/Cheque Payments

We are sorry that the app is not up and running yet we are hoping to have it sorted very soon. Thank you to everyone for their patience and making covid safe payments directly to the school office.

Annual Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme

The school- based nasal flu immunisation programme will be here on Thursday 19 November. Please consent or decline on

<https://tinyurl.com/ycd69oam>

Please note the link closes on **Thursday 24 September 2020**

Breakfast & After School Club

We are pleased that we are running these clubs, but, we ask that **24 hours notice** is given for any ad-hoc children so that we have the correct staff ratio.

Fees: Breakfast Club 7.45 – 8.50

£3.50 1st child £3.00 for each sibling.

After School Club 3.15 – 4.15

£ 4.50 1st child £4.00 for each sibling

3.15 – 5.30

£7.50 1st child £6.50 each sibling

Dairy Dates

Photographer

Wednesday 4 November

Flu Immunisation

Thursday 19 November