

Newsletter

Live, love, learn

Let us spur one another of acts of love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:24

11th September 2020



Welcome back!

It has been an absolute joy to have the children back at school this week. Every member of staff has said the same and we can all see how happy the children are to be back at school. I would like to thank all parents and carers for helping prepare the children for the return to school. I am very proud of the way the children have returned, following procedures, polite, engaged and smiling! Praise must also go to the staff who have worked so hard to get the school safe, welcoming and engaging. We look forward to a very successful term!

Welcome to our new friends

It has been a delight to welcome Willow, Maisy, Theo, Oscar, Evie-Mae, Hamish and Seren as our new EYFS children. We also welcome Christopher, Freddie, Eloise, Mckenzie and James to our school family. It is brilliant to see our school be successful and chosen by so many parents.



Health and Safety visit

On Thursday morning we had an unannounced visit from the DMAT health and safety lead, Mr Joe Wood. I am delighted to say we met all the criteria of our risk assessments and Mr Wood could 'make no further recommendation for improvement'. The children, staff and parent's safety is always our top priority and we are proud to continue to protect and provide for our community.



Swimming

Swimming starts on Tuesday 15th September for Key Stage 2 children (Class Two and Three). Please bring an appropriate swimming costume and towel. Goggles and swimming hats are welcomed. The children will be getting changed into swimming costumes **before** leaving school, so please provide shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a school hoodie/jumper to wear on the bus and when waiting at the poolside. This is to remove any risk of crossing with other groups leaving the swimming session before ours. Both classes will travel on

the bus to the pool with a 2 metre space left between the groups.

The bus will be well ventilated with hands sanitised on entry and exit. There is no requirement for children to wear a face covering. Children will change at the pool on exit and return to school for the normal end of the day.

Worship with Rev. Leigh Winsbury

We continue to search for ways to provide some of our normal and treasured activities despite the current restrictions. On Monday evening, Mr Hill will meet with Rev. Leigh to discuss virtual sessions via Zoom or Teams or pre-recorded YouTube assemblies. The children thoroughly enjoy Rev Leigh's visits and they help us build our school's strong Christian character. Look out for more information soon.



Parent consultations

We would like to offer all parents the opportunity to meet with their class teacher in the weeks beginning the 5th and 12th of October. This could be either in person with social distancing in place or virtually via Microsoft Teams. This will be an opportunity to discuss how the children progressed during the school closure, how they have returned and their next steps. Look out for an invitation soon.



Please ask

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about our school opening procedures or if you just want to give some feedback – please do not hesitate to get in contact.

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