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Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 26.10.20 – 30.10.20** October Half Term
- 02.11.20** School re-opens to pupils
- 18.12.20** School closes for Christmas 3.15pm
- 04.01.21** School Closed to Pupils
- 15.02.21 – 19.02.21** February Half Term
- 01.04.21** School Closes for Easter @ 3.15pm
- 19.04.21** School re-opens to pupils
- 03.05.21** May Day Bank Holiday
- 31.05.21 – 04.06.21** Half Term
- 21.07.21** School Closes for Summer @ 3.15



PE

From next week we will be starting PE lessons across the school. We have decided to adopt the same strategy as many other local schools and will allow all children to come to school already in their PE kits on their class PE day.

Therefore, **for PE days only**, all children will need:

- A pair of plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms
- A plain black or navy fleece/hoody/tracksuit top. (no prominent symbols and images on clothing please – the plainer the better)
- A plain white T shirt
- Trainers
- Black school pumps should also be left in school full time for indoor PE.

Thank you for your support with this. This is our normal winter PE uniform so hopefully it won't be difficult to organise, but I do apologise if this request causes any inconvenience.

The year group PE days are as follows:

Day of the week	Year Group PE Day
Monday	Year 1
Tuesday	Year 4 and Year 6
Wednesday	Year 5
Thursday	Reception and Year 2
Friday	Year 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we have all survived the first week back at school! It has flown by. Thank you all so much for your patience and flexibility this week, whilst we have refined our drop off and collection arrangements – what often looks good on paper, doesn't always look as good in real life so we appreciate your support.

It has been great to see everyone back at school this week and I must say a big well done to all of the children (and their grown-ups) as there have been very few tears and a lot of happy and excited faces around school this week – it has been a pleasure to see. Please remember that staff are not able to have long conversations at the start and end of the day, so please **ask your child's teacher to ring you back after school** if there is anything you wish to discuss in more detail. We will also have the year group email system up and running shortly so you can use this method of communication if you prefer.



New arrangements and start times

The new drop off and collection and one way systems are now working well, but where these systems are in place please do not try to walk the opposite way when on the site, as this causes unnecessary congestion and infection risks.

Can parents please also **only arrive on site at the designated start time** for your child. This is to limit the numbers of people on the site at any one time. The new start and finish times replace our normal ones so if your start time is 9.00am this replaces 8.45am – therefore you can arrive dead on that time or even slightly after. **Please do not arrive more than five minutes early** as this may cause unnecessary congestion and clashes with other year groups.



Uniform

Can all parents please ensure that children have a **coat** in school with them every day as due to our increased cleaning arrangements pupils need to go outside every day at break and lunch time, unless torrential rain prevents it. Also please make sure that pupils are wearing the correct uniform including a tie. Most uniform items can be bought through the school office. We have a good stock of ties. New Reception pupils get their first tie for free when they start school.

Once again, it is great to have everyone back and thank you for your ongoing support. Have a great weekend. ☺



Lunches clarification

Please remember that **only plain 'tap' water** should be in the children's classroom water bottles – not squash or flavoured water of any kind. This is for health and practical spillage reasons – sugary drinks are more difficult to clean up and can affect pupils' behaviour. Children may bring in squash or other **NON FIZZY** drinks for lunchtime only.

To clarify: Only plain water is allowed to be drunk in classes during lesson time.

As far as I know we are one of very few primary schools currently offering a hot meal lunch option of any kind. Currently, due to our Covid19 lunchtime arrangements, **we only have 30 minutes indoor eating time and then 30 minutes outside play**. We need to stick to these timings in order to allow the cleaning of rooms to take place before afternoon lessons begin. So please bear this in mind. We would appreciate it if you could assist us in this by discussing it with your child over the weekend and by providing food that they can easily manage themselves without too much assistance.

Currently there is only one hot meal option available and this is a **set meal**. We would therefore request that if there is anything in the meal option that your child does not like, that you please send in your own packed lunch or choose a sandwich grab bag option instead, as we are unable to take requests for peas instead of beans for example. The menu is designed to be one that most children will like but unfortunately we cannot cater for all tastes at this time. The cod bites menu option on Thursdays has been changed to chicken nuggets from next week onwards.

For those pupils bringing in sandwiches from home can parents please provide a non-fizzy drink or water and if required for yoghurts etc. a spoon as we do not have the provision for this whilst meals are being eaten in the classrooms.

Please note that children on our known allergies list will be catered for separately to take any allergies into account. Menu and Allergy information is available on the school website and will also be sent home today with this newsletter today for your information.

**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**

Please contact the school office with information of any changes over the past few months e.g. Telephone number, change of address, email address, medical etc.

Please ensure that if your child requires an inhaler, they must have two **inhalers that are in date** and each child should have their own personal spacer in school at all times.

Also, could you inform us if your child needs to be taken off the asthma register.

