



Dear Families,

It has been a lovely week of returning to a sense of normality within school, and has been wonderful seeing so much learning has been happening across the school. The children have taken all the changes in routine in their stride, washing hands regularly, maintaining social distancing where appropriate and generally getting used to days in their class 'bubble'. I am reminded how resilient our children are, and how they adapt so well to changes most of the time.

I do know however, that for some children across the school, the last six months will have been a challenging time, and we all appreciate how hard it can be coming back into school, getting used to new routines and structure in the day. For some children they may be quieter than usual, for some, more emotional. We are here to support all of our children, and want them to have a really smooth transition back into school. If any of your children are worried at home, or finding things difficult, please do let us know at the earliest opportunity. This can either be by requesting a call from their class teacher, sending a message on Dojo (as long as it is not urgent and needs a reply quickly) or emailing in to the school to let us know if there are things we need to know to support your child further. We will get through this together, as a community, supporting each other.

I have really enjoyed welcoming our new Reception children into school this week, seeing their bouncing smiles as they come through the gate has made me smile. I am so proud of how well they have settled into their new class, and look forward to seeing them in school full time next week.

Thank you to all of you as parents and carers who have respected our rules for moving around school. Please can I remind you please not arrive before your allocated slot, as this inevitably results in groups having to wait. Avoiding this is the reason for the staggering. Also, if your child is in years 4, 5 or 6 and walk to school in the morning, could you please remind them that setting off early to be with their friends is not always the best thing, as we have large groups of children waiting outside the gate in the community centre car park, or park. Not only does this defeat the object of keeping them separated during the day, but also creates a lot of noise for the community around us. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Please also refer to the guidance later on in the newsletter of what to do if your child (or anyone in your family) are showing symptoms of COVID – 19. It is best to also check on the following website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We are aware that we are rapidly heading towards Cold and 'bug' season. If your child displays symptoms such as a sore throat, runny nose, or other non – coronavirus related symptoms, please check with NHS 111 Online, or <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> for further guidance. If they have ANY of the COVID – 19 symptoms, alongside any other ailments, you need to follow the guidance for COVID – 19 Symptoms as above.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I am looking forward to another fantastic week next week (and I hear the weather is supposed to be great too! )

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Chessell

# Diary Dates

- 17.9.20 Year 3 Swimming lessons start
- 28.9.20 (Virtual) Parent's Evening
- 5.10.20 (Virtual) Parent's Evening
- 12.10.20 (Virtual) Parent's Evening
- 16.10.20 INSET DAY
- 19.10.20—30.10.20 Autumn Half Term Holiday
- 2.11.20 First day back after Half Term

