



Welcome back...



It is so lovely to feel the buzz around school again. We are loving the chance to get back to proper teaching again, and the children are being fantastic. There have been one or two little wobbles, but we are getting more and more settled every day. Thank you very much for adhering to the systems we have in place for drop off and pick up from school – it makes life much easier for us if everyone keeps to the rules, so is much appreciated.

### Big Cheese Assemblies – Fridays 9am...



Whilst we are not currently able to have full school assemblies in the hall, we are all still meeting on a Friday for our 'Big Cheese' celebration on ZOOM! We have been doing this since we partially re-opened in June, but today we invited parents 'virtually' for the first time. This was lovely but with mixed success! ☺ We have adapted the plans now! So, if your

child is chosen to receive an award, you will receive a text as usual, informing you that you will receive a link by email on the Friday morning. You are then welcome to join us. For GDPR and safeguarding reasons, we ask that this link is not shared with extended family members or friends please, and that you ensure you are on mute when you join – we do need to see your face, even for a short time so we can confirm who you are please.



### NUT FREE please...

We have been a "Nut Free" school for the last few years. I need to remind you that we have a child who has started Reception with a severe nut allergy. Please ensure your child does not bring anything to school that contains nuts. Thanks all.



### Parent's Evenings Mon 16<sup>th</sup> and Wed 18<sup>th</sup> November...



You will see on the dates page overleaf that our parent's evenings are slightly later in the term than usual this year. This is because we want to ensure we have adequate time to patiently assess the children and prepare our curriculum and teaching plan before we meet with you. We felt the children needed time to settle, get used to being back and to get up to speed, before we start to make formal assessments. We will be sending invites to virtual parent's evenings on zoom nearer the time. If you would like to find out how your child is getting on before these dates, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher via email and they will arrange an earlier, additional meeting.



## Dates for your diary...

Sadly, there is nowhere near as much going on at the moment as their usually is, but here are a few key dates to share with you for this term.

Open Days – Individual Appointments for prospective parents with Mrs W	5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , Oct	Return from Half Term	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov
Flu Vaccinations	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent's Evenings on ZOOM!	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Whole Class Photographs – all teams	Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	DIWALI Days	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Break up for Half Term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS</b> Last day on Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> December (Pick up as normal at 3/3.15pm) Back to school on Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> January	

## Sports Coaches ...



We are avoiding additional adults coming into school as much as we can, but we have been delighted to welcome coach Craig and coach Rory into the juniors to help with PE. Craig is in on Monday with Team 5 and 6 and Rory in Team 3 and 4 on a Tuesday. They are fully aware of all risk assessments and will adhere to all guidelines that staff are following at all times. To lower the risk of mixing contacts in two bubbles, we are also welcoming back Felicity Johnson to cover Mrs Jobber's non-contact time on a Wednesday afternoon instead of Mrs Hughes – she will be teaching science in Team 6.



## PE Kit...

You will have received notification that we would like Team 3,4,5 and 6 to come to school in their PE kit (red t-shirt and black shorts) on their PE day (Team 3 and 4 on TUESDAY) and (Team 5 and 6 on MONDAY) to avoid mixing bubbles in the spaces we would have previously used for changing. Please can you send your child to school in their PE kit on these days with their school jumper and dark tracksuit bottoms for warmth. We need to make sure this day does not turn into a non-uniform day please 😊, but we don't mind on colours of trainers/pumps.



## And Finally ...



I realise that I have made no mention of Christmas anywhere on the dates...this makes me very sad! 😞 BUT...please be assured that we will be doing our utmost to 'do' Christmas for the children and include you all as much as we can, guidelines allowing! Watch this space! Take care everyone, and keep safe.

Regards,

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