



## Welcome back!

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had the best possible summer break you were able to under the current circumstances. Hopefully, all of the children have enjoyed a well deserved break after returning to school so confidently during the summer term. We just wanted to take the time to inform you of a few things that might be different upon the children's return as well as hopefully answer any questions you may have.

### Dropping off and collecting

Drop off time for Year One will be 9:00 and the collection time will be 3:40. Please take your children onto the main playground where you will find the Key Stage One entrance. For families with siblings please arrive at the earliest time and collect at the earliest time. You will be able to drop and collect all of your children at this point but please use the correct entrance to do so. We are politely asking for your help to keep everyone safe by sticking to these timings – please do not arrive early or late.

Myself and Mrs Field appreciate that the children are still very young and we really value communication so please do not hesitate to leave a message with the school office and we will do our very best to get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, Tapestry is a very quick form of communication and we will check it daily for messages.

### Cloakrooms

To abide by the social distancing rules and 'bubbles' we have managed to make a **small** cloakroom area inside the classroom. We felt this was far more suitable than the children hanging their coats on the back of their chairs where they are likely to fall off. Please can we ask that you **do not send your child with a rucksack.** We do not have space and we are also trying to minimise the amount of items coming to and from school. Your child will only need a bookbag to carry their school items home in.

### Snacks

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer toast at this time. However, we are awaiting the arrival of a fruit delivery and therefore we will be able to offer each child a piece of fruit during their morning playtime. Please can we also remind anyone who is providing their child with a home packed lunch that these must not contain **nuts or strawberries.**

### PE

We can now confirm that our days for PE are Tuesdays and Thursdays. To continue from Mr Harding's letter, please can we ask that the children wear their PE kits to school on these days. The

children **will not** need a PE kit in school as things currently stand. Please can you also make sure your child has their school jumper with them on days we have PE.

### Reading

Myself, Mrs Field and Miss Langdon are going to spend this week and next week formally assessing your child's reading on a one-to-one basis. This may mean that your child moves up a reading level or stays on their current band for the time being. Until your child has been formally assessed they will remain on their current level so they have a book to read in the interim. Please bear with us during the first couple of weeks as it will take a little bit of time to read with each child individually but we feel this is vital to ensure they receive the appropriate levelled book.

We will be changing books every Monday and Thursday to allow us time to sanitise and clean each book we send home. To meet the current government safety guidelines, we are currently unable to write in the children's yellow reading log books that go home. However, the children will have a duplicated book at school that teachers and support staff will use to track your child's progress. Please still leave a comment in your yellow log book as they will be checked and messages will be passed onto the class teacher.

Your child will continue to follow the Read Write Inc phonics scheme in their class 'bubble' and we will read with each child at least once on a one-to-one basis throughout the year.

### Thank you

We appreciate that there is a lot of information and changes to the school routine as we used to know it! However, we hope this letter helps and adds additional information to the letters you have received from Mr Arnold and Mr Harding. If you still have any questions, please email Mrs Lockey Monday to Wednesday or Mrs Field on Thursdays and Fridays.

We really appreciate your continuous support and we are very excited to welcome the children back!

**Mrs Lockey & Mrs Field**