



10th September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back to school for the Autumn Term. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. We are very excited to be able to welcome your child back into their classroom, and more than ever we are here to support your child in settling back into a happy school routine. Saturn Class children will be taught by Mrs Moules on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Mrs Tovagliari for the rest of the week. Your child has lots to look forward to in Saturn Class, please read this letter with them.

School looks and feels a lot like it did before we closed in the Spring, but there are some things that will be done differently, and your child will be supported to learn any new routines.

Year 3 children will need to arrive and enter the school at 8:50 via the rear playground, please do not be early as other classes will be entering before our class. Year 3 will be released to parents in the playground at 3:30, once again please do not arrive too early to collect your child. Please try to maintain social distancing where possible for drop off and pick-up.

We will not use the school cloakrooms, all of your child's possessions will be with them, so coats will need to go on the back of their chair and their book bag will go under their chair, for this reason it is important that children only bring in necessary items. All children will need to wash or sanitise their hands on arrival in class, and regularly throughout the day. Your child does not need a face mask or their own sanitiser. Saturn Class children will be able to mix and play freely together in class and at break times, and they will sit on tables with other children, but we will not mix with the other classes, we are a 'bubble'.

Please send your child with a water bottle (which should contain only water to promote healthy teeth), this will be kept on your child's desk, and be available to them throughout the day. Toast will not be available at break time, so a healthy snack will be needed, please do not send in chocolate, cakes or biscuits, we would love to see fruit, vegetables, crackers or breadsticks, so that your child learns to snack on healthy choices. We have some children at school with severe food allergies, for this reason please do not send in snacks containing nuts or strawberries.

Your child will need to wear school uniform with a school jumper/cardigan and a warm coat every day. Our classroom will have windows open so that we maintain good ventilation throughout the day, please ensure that your child will be warm as we move into the autumn and winter.

Our class PE slots are on a Monday and a Thursday, on these days your child should arrive at school in their PE kit, they will remain in it all day, please dress them in jogging bottoms and send in warm jumpers so that they keep warm whilst in class and outside.

We will send your child home with a reading book, which we will change weekly, your child will also have a different reading book that will be kept in school. Please update your child's Home Reading Diary after your child has read with you, which should be each evening for 15 minutes. Your child will also really enjoy listening to you read stories to them at bedtime.

Your child will have had a long and busy day at school and so evenings and weekends are for playing and enjoying themselves, however your child will be expected to learn a short list of spellings in preparation for a weekly spelling test, spellings will be sent home on a Friday to be learnt for a test the following Friday. Children will also be given a short weekly mathematical and literacy task, which will be set online using Google Classroom. Each half term a small homework project will be given to support our Topic Theme. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child has access to a desk or table in a quiet area to complete their homework.

Our afternoons will primarily be spent investigating our topic theme 'How Can Usain Bolt Move So Quickly?'

Please email or telephone if you have any questions or worries.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Moules and Mrs Tovagliari