



Sowing the Seeds for Success – With God Nothing is Impossible

Newsletter

Friday 5th March 2021

Finally, we are at the end of the restricted school closure period and are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our children back to school. For the next three weeks in school, there will be a heavy focus on settling the children back into school routines and on their wellbeing. The three weeks will also enable us to identify any gaps in pupils' learning which will need to be addressed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all once again for your ongoing support and patience during such an unusual year. Hopefully we are now at the beginning of the journey to normality.

Return to School Arrangements

I thought it may be useful to list below some of the key points from the letter that was sent out last week about the children's return to school, before Monday:

- Staggered arrivals and exits will remain in place. Times for these have been sent out, earlier in the week, by teachers.
- Breakfast Club will not be available at the moment.
- After school clubs will not resume until after Easter.
- Children should return in full school uniform.
- Children will be provided with their own stationary/equipment in a labelled plastic wallet so do not need to bring anything to school – other than their lunch, snack, water, a coat or/and sunhat (as required)
- Children should not bring a school bag/books to school.
- Please apply sun cream before school (as required) as we will not be able to do this in school.
- Children will not be able to bring school books backwards and forwards from school/home. A set of books will be provided for Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils and these can be returned/quarantined as advised by the class teacher.
- Children should bring their PE kit into school, in a drawstring bag, during their first week in school. This should be left on their peg in school to prevent it being brought backwards and forwards between home and school. PE kits may be taken home to be washed at the end of each half term.
- All children should bring a labelled water bottle with them each day for use at lunchtime and during the school day. Water bottles should be full as there will be no access to water fountains.
- Initially, there will be no Tuck Shop available for snacks at break so a snack should be provided within your child's lunchbox or in a small plastic bag/container.
- Parents/carers should wear masks when dropping children off/collecting children from school.
- Parents and carers should not need to enter the school site, unless there is an emergency or they are requested to attend by school staff.

Miss Thompson

As many of you will now be aware, Miss Thompson's baby boy arrived 5 weeks early last Friday. Although it was a surprise for everyone, we are all very happy that he arrived safely and is doing well. We are looking forward to meeting him when we are able to.

Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone who has managed to keep up with their reading during the time away from school. For the first time ever, last week, four classes were in first place with exactly the same percentage. Congratulations to Walnut Class, Beech Class, Willow Class and Hazel Class.

Respect ~ Forgiveness ~ Compassion ~ Thankfulness ~ Perseverance ~ Stewardship



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World Book Day

Thank you to everyone for their participation in our World Book Day events this week. We were very impressed with some people's detective skills in identifying staff in the Masked Reader and it has been lovely to see all of the wonderful photos of children reading in unusual places and the wonderful story boxes that have been produced. We will be announcing the winners of the two competitions in next Friday's Celebration Assembly so, if you haven't had a chance to send in your photo or complete your box, you still have an opportunity to do this over the weekend.

Easter Egg Competition

We are inviting all children, who would like to, the chance to enter an egg decorating competition again for Easter this year. Children can decorate a hard-boiled egg/empty egg shell (or more than one) however they would like. Although I would love to see all of the children's entries displayed in school, due to current restrictions, this will not be possible this year. Please could you therefore send a photo of any egg creations to class teachers via Dojo. These will then be uploaded on Dojo and on the school website for everyone to see, as they were last year. A winner and some runners up will be chosen. Creations can be simple or elaborate and there is no specific theme so the children can be as creative as they like! The closing date for the competition will be **Wednesday 24th March**. We look forward to seeing lots of creative entries!

Arts Room Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to our fundraising page to support the development of our Arts Room. I know that this has already been shared widely via social media and through press coverage but any further sharing would be much appreciated. We have been amazed with how much we have been able to raise already and are hopeful that we may be able to reach our target by the end of term. We will be holding our sponsored Danceathon on the last day of term so, if you have been unable to donate yet, there will be an opportunity for the children to collect sponsorship money for the Danceathon towards the end of the month.

Class Photographs

Class photographs will be taken on Wednesday 17th March. Please make sure that your child is wearing their full school uniform on this day.

Upcoming Events

Although we are unlikely to be able to participate as fully in Comic Relief on **19th March** as we normally would, we will still be inviting the children to do something 'funny' for the day. Miss Thompson was due to speak to the School Council this half term about this but has been unable to, due to starting her maternity leave earlier than expected. We will therefore discuss this with them once they return to school next week and update you with what they decide. As we already have a fundraising event running at the moment, children are welcome to donate to Comic Relief if they would like to, later on this month, but this will be optional.

Remote Learning Survey

Thank you to the 22 people who completed the remote learning survey in February. It was good to see that remote learning was a success for the vast majority of the families who responded.

Mrs Natasha Bennett



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Headteacher

Diary Dates 2020-21

Date	Event
Wednesday 17th March 2021	Class Photographs
Friday 19 th March 2021	Comic Relief
Wednesday 24 th March 2021	Closing date for Easter Egg Competition
Friday 26 th March 2021	Danceathon and Well-being Day