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Letter 3

Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents/Guardian,

NEXT WEEK AT SCHOOL

Monday 21st September	
Tuesday 22nd September	9.00am Individual and sibling photos
Wednesday 23rd September	
Thursday 24th September	
Friday 25th September	1.15pm Class 3 football skills with James Lofthouse - Outside PE kit to be worn all day please.
Please may I remind you to phone us if your child is absent so we know why they are absent and send a letter or email to school as soon as your child has returned to school, dated, explaining their absence for us to keep as a record at school.	

SCHOOL NOTICES

It has been lovely having some warmer weather this week, almost like the return of summer. As it turns cooler, please remember to send your child with a jumper and coat so they are not cold when outside.

INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS - PRESCHOOL TO YEAR 6

We have Richard from Impressions coming to take photos of our children which you can then purchase. Unfortunately, due to Coronavirus, he is unable to do photographs with younger siblings who aren't in our school. I know many of you will be disappointed about this, but we are unable to have different groups of parents coming into school, mixing with our current bubbles. We will plan to do younger sibling photos in the summer term depending on the COVID-19 situation.

All children that are in school in preschool to year 6, will get individual photos and sibling photos taken during the morning.

HOME LEARNING PLANNING

We need to know the best way to deliver lessons to those who are absent due to self-isolation or a local lock down. We are possibly looking at the use of Microsoft Teams for sharing both work and for the isolating children possibly being able to log in to live lessons. Please can I ask everyone to complete the form from the Dales Academies Trust using the link below so we can see whether our children have access to IT to enable us to plan ahead. Please complete this by Monday 28th September.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uSV-qDh500O4cXCzoo70lOKG_QVAqBNMjdx8hEHtgztUNIpGR05GOTRUMVI0SE+PV1VDUDk0WIVGSC4u

ST FRANCIS XAVIER (SFX) INFORMATION FOR YEAR 6

The information has now gone live on their website at this link, including videos, and our online prospectus:

SCHOOL DINNER MENU

As we see which meals are least popular, we are making a couple of changes. Week 2 menu on a Tuesday was beef lasagne and on the next 3 week rotation will be spaghetti bolognese. Week 2 Thursday menu was supposed to be sweet and sour chicken but will be a very mild chicken korma. If your child was not down for the main meal option and would like either of these changes please email the school office.

REMINDERS

ARRIVAL TIMES

Please may I remind you that the class 1 and preschool bubble arrival time is between 8.45-8.55am. I am seeing an increasing number of people arriving from 8.40am and having to wait around, whereas doors will be open from 8.45am.

GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE

If you are following the news, you will see that cases are significantly on the rise. Please ensure you are following the latest guidance. Any child with a high temperature, or a persistent cough, or loss of taste/smell cannot be at school, will need to self-isolate at home and a test obtained. Please do not give your child Calpol to lower a temperature to enable them to attend school as this puts others at risk. Following a negative test, a child can return to school. We must be notified of any test results as soon as possible please. When/if we get a positive case, I have to immediately contact Public Health and they then advise on the protocol including which children or possibly a whole bubble needs to go home and isolate for 14 days. Work will be sent by staff for those children who are self-isolating.

BAGS

Thank you to those parents who have changed to book bags to minimise the number of things coming between school and home. No toys/pencil cases etc being brought in. We have a stock of book bags available from school for £5 should you need one.

PRESCHOOL PARENTS

I am including the weekly preschool message from Tracy within this school letter as some of my main school messages may be relevant to pre-school parents, particularly regarding COVID-19.

If your child is not normally in preschool on a Tuesday when the school photographer will be here, they can be brought to school at 9.00am for a photo. They will be taken into the hall by preschool staff and brought back to you outside while you wait in the outside gated drop off area. You must inform preschool staff if you intend to do this. Thanks.

Hi Everyone

This week seems to have gone so quickly and we have had a busy one. The children have had an exciting week. There has been lots of farm machinery going by and we had Mike stop with his slurry tanker for the children to look at. They then came back and were pretending to spread slurry in the garden. We have had lots of discussions about what our farmers do to help produce our food.

They have made musical instruments for our phonic session listening to different sounds that they make. Some had lentils, pasta or rice and we collected acorns from the garden.

We have been hiding numbers around the garden for the children to recognise, making it a fun game for them. You could do this at home in your own gardens or start to point out numbers on buses or signs when you are out.

With the older children who start school next year we have been practising their names. We are sending home some letter sheets for you to work with your children at home if you laminate them you can use them lots of times.

If your children are being picked up by another person please let us know in the morning.

Please look at last week's newsletter regarding packed lunch box contents cutting up fruit etc

If anyone has any tractors that your children have grown out of and would like to donate them to preschool they would be much appreciated.

Don't forget to activate your tapestry link so that you can see your child/children's observations. This is a great way to communicate and update your child's progress. As well as you being able to see and comment you can also add pictures of what they have been doing at home. Please note you only have a small one-week window from when you receive the email to activate the account.

Have a great weekend
Tracy, Alison, Helen and Fiona

OTHER SCHOOL ITEMS SENT HOME TONIGHT

Please remember to look at all the attachments attached to the school email to ensure you have all the information needed regarding school. I am now putting all letters on the school website.

French club online learning letter - Reception to year 6

Flu vaccination letter Reception to year 6

Yours sincerely



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