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Letter 22

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents/Guardian,

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NEXT WEEK AT SCHOOL

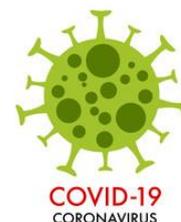
Monday 1st March	Week 2 dinner menu 1.15pm Class 3 TEAMS social get together 2.15pm Class 2 TEAMS social get together Richard Darcy doing sports with class 2 and 3. Children please come in school PE kit with track suit bottoms/warm layers rather than getting changed in school.
Tuesday 2nd March	9.15am Class 2 TEAMS
Wednesday 3rd March	9.15am Class 3 TEAMS Class 3 wear school PE kit please
Thursday 4th March	WORLD BOOK DAY 9.15am Class 2 TEAMS
Friday 5th March	9.15am Class 3 TEAMS
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.	

COVID-19 UPDATE

DFE GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL OPENING

Please click on the link below to read the guidance for parents.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>



UPDATED RISK ASSESSMENT

Please look out next week for the updated risk assessment under the Covid-19 tab on the school website. I will again show highlights in colour so that you don't have to read the whole document if you have already it. I would like to thank everyone for following it so well and helping keep everyone safe. We have done so well so far, but if we do get any cases we will deal with it following the guidance.

WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

With the sun shining this week, warmer weather, the flowers beginning to show, it really feels that Spring is on the way. Having the sun shine really makes you feel good, warm inside and out.

ALL CHILDREN RETURNING TO SCHOOL MONDAY 8TH MARCH

I was so pleased to hear on Monday night that our children will be returning to school from Monday 8th March as we have missed them and can't wait to get a little bit more normality like we had in the autumn term. If your child has been learning at home, please see the ideas below to help prepare them for their return and the attachments to help address any worries.

The guidance we have so far, states that all procedures we had in place when all children were in school in September continues. All children will be kept in their separate bubbles, regular hand washing and good ventilation in all occupied rooms.

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 4TH MARCH

Since we are in lockdown and have children both in and out of school as well as shops being closed to sort outfits, you may be relieved to hear we aren't asking children to dress up this year, we will save that for next year! We are asking that children at home send us pictures of your child reading their favourite book, they could copy the front cover, they could do a book review, you could share a picture of your child reading with someone. Please send anything to do with reading to school where we are going to create a display to celebrate our love of reading.

REMOTE LEARNERS

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR COMING BACK TO SCHOOL

It is now time to start thinking about schools opening fully on Monday 8th March. We will all have different feelings and emotions about this. Children have had different experiences - some have been in school with much smaller numbers and routines, while others have been learning within the home environment. For all children - the reopening of schools for all will bring about change. As a school we have some ideas that might help your child to transition back to school successfully.

Top Tips!

1. Have discussions with your child about how they feel, what they are looking forward to and what worries do they have. Think about how the routine may be different to current routines. (The best time to have conversations could be when doing something they love like out walking or drawing.)
2. Plan how to get back into school routines as soon as possible. You may want to get uniform out and try putting it on or getting school bags out and practice packing them the week before they return.
3. If children have been sleeping a little longer in the mornings during lockdown, consider gradually getting up a little earlier over the next week; setting the alarm 10 minutes earlier each day.
4. You might want to practice eating at set times for lunch and snack over the next week to help prepare them for the school routine.
5. Remind children that there will still be routines in school that are different to normal such as Social distancing, regular handwashing, start of day, lunch time and end of day procedures. If you are unsure about these then contact school for confirmation.
6. Prepare children for seeing familiar staff wearing masks around school.
7. Remind children that they are coming back to a learning environment and discuss what they remember about school rules. Children who are already experiencing school may need to discuss how it will change with the increase of children in their classrooms.
8. Contact school if you require more information such as a timetable for your child's day or if you have any questions or concerns you want to share regarding return to school.
9. We have all had different experiences of lock down and will have different emotions about this next transition; acknowledge these with your child and share these at an appropriate level with your child.
10. Once back at school, start the day with healthy breakfast and give your child one or two pieces of fruit to bring to school for break times. Children in key stage 1 (Reception to year 2 all receive fruit in school)

PRESCHOOL PARENTS

A reminder that as per the DfE guidance, Early Years Settings are open to all children. Please remember that preschool arrival time is between 8.45 and 8.55am.

If your child has not been in preschool during the lockdown, please email school before Wednesday 3rd March to confirm whether your child is returning from the week beginning 8th March so we can check we have the correct staffing ratios.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESCHOOL STAFF

Hi Everyone

We hope you all had a lovely half term. Our theme running up to Easter is Growing. The children will be doing lots of planting and talking about what plants need to grow, the start of a new season where everything comes back to life, our trees, new-born animals and even ourselves. We will also look at how we seem to get renewed energy when the weather warms up and the days get longer.

If you do any planting at home, please add it on to Tapestry so we can see or take some photos and bring them in to preschool.

The children put some bean seeds in a cup with cotton wool and we are watching them to see when they start to sprout. We also put some grass seed on a tray with sheep's wool so we are watching this as well. Using the sheep's wool, the children created some lovely sheep for our wall display.

This week it has been Aspect 1 in our Phonics the children have been using their good listening skills to hear all the different sounds in our garden the birds are really starting to sing now.

To enhance our number work we have some new number logs which they have enjoyed playing a Variety of games with. The children have really enjoyed playing in our mud kitchen area. If you have any pots and pans that you no longer use, please send them in for us to use.

We hope you have a lovely weekend

Tracy, Alison, Helen, Fiona and Amy

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.

Return to school activity

Optional Voice of child 3 houses tool

Yours sincerely



Mrs F. Sharp
Headteacher