



Newsletter 1

10th September 2020

This term's core value: Respect

Dear Parents and Carers

A big welcome to all our new families and a huge welcome back to those who were already with us. The children have all settled in really well, especially our new Rainbows. We hope they have enjoyed their first dew days at school.

Let's get the Coronavirus bits out of the way first!

We have inevitably already had some confused parents who have had poorly children who are not sure whether they need to be tested and if so whether the rest of the family need to isolate. Please use the following as a guide:

- If anyone in your household has corona symptoms then the whole family needs to self-isolate and not leave the house (ie to come to school) until a test has been sought. At this point the person is a suspected case.
- Do not send your child to school whilst the test results are being waited for.
- If the test is negative, then everyone can come out of self-isolation. If it's positive then a period of self-isolation for the individual needs to start.
- Use the NHS website or government website for all your guidance.
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you a child becomes unwell during the school day or a member of staff in a bubble does this applies:

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

If they have tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10-day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms.



Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

School website

The year group pages have been updated on our website and there is a wealth of information about what your child will be learning this half term. Please have a look so that you are well prepared for when you ask your child what they have been doing at school and they reply 'nothing'! Learning Log tasks are also listed for the half term. Learning Logs do not start for Reception children until after Christmas. You can check the school diary on our website (colour coded for year groups) and our newsletters are also available under the newsletter tab.

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WOW days - an explanation for new parents

As part of our topic based curriculum, we have 'WOW days'. These are exciting activities that introduce the new class topic. Check your Year Group page for this term's 'WOW days'.

Regular collection of children

If your child is collected on a regular basis by a childminder, relative or friend please let us know by email to the school office and we will add them to our list of regular collectors. This means you do not need to let us know each time your child is collected by them. Similarly, we are happy for you to nominate an 'any time collector' for your child to allow your child to be collected on an ad hoc basis by someone other than yourself.

Parent meetings with teachers

If you require a meeting with your class teacher, the current procedure will be to offer a 'phone call first, this could be on speaker if both parents/carers would like to listen. If you prefer, you can have a virtual Teams call. No face to face meetings in school will be offered at the moment.

Parents Evening this half term will be planned for the week commencing 12th October, earlier than normal this year, and will focus on how your child has settled in and their general wellbeing in and out of school. Again, you can choose between a phone call or a Teams meeting to discuss your child. More information to follow.

We will be asking children to select one piece of work so far that they are proud of. This will be photocopied and sent home for parents to keep.

Photographs

Our school photographer, Veronica Stewart, will be in school on Tuesday 22nd September to take individual photographs of all the children (socially distanced). (If the weather is bad this will be rescheduled to Thursday 1st October). Please send your child in their smartest uniform on that day.

Stanley

We sponsor a child in Haiti through the charity 'Compassion'. His name is Stanley and he is now thirteen years old. We ask each child to bring in 10p on a Tuesday. '10p Tuesday' pays for Stanley's sponsorship throughout the year. Children enjoy posting the 10p into the tin each week - this year please send this in with your child on a Tuesday and each class will have their

own tin inside the classroom. We also receive regular letters from Stanley which are shared with the children. The school council also holds fundraising events for Stanley throughout the year.

ParentPay

Reception children and children new to school this year will be bringing a letter home next week with information about our e-payment system which is used to pay for school trips, after school clubs, Happy Hedgehogs etc. Please check your child's bookbag for your letter which will contain information about how to activate your account. The Year 1 and Year 2 stationery will also be available to pay on ParentPay from next week.

Uniform old and new

If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of please send it in to school for our nearly new uniform shop. Our approved uniform supplier is the The Print Lab (56 Edison Road, Aylesbury). <http://www.the-print-lab.co.uk/>

Pupil premium funding

Pupil Premium is a Government scheme that provides funding to schools of between £935 to £1,345 per pupil whose parent(s) receive one of the qualifying benefits. The funding is paid to school and is spent directly on the individual child. It can be used for support in school, for afterschool clubs, before and after school care, school trips and uniform so please check the letter sent with this newsletter to see if you are eligible and sign up straight away so that your child will benefit from this.

Best wishes



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