



Newsletter 3rd July 2020

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July already...

Good afternoon everyone,

We have read through yesterday's Government guidelines on the reopening of schools and are delighted and confident that we will be ready to welcome ALL the children back on September the 7th. There is work to do and plans to make, but with your cooperation and understanding, full time school for all classes is completely achievable on our amazing site and with our great team of teachers and support staff. The government has said that attendance will be compulsory from September, for all but a very few of the most clinically vulnerable children, and we are confident that you will want to support this by reading our plans as we share them, raising any queries with us and by beginning to prepare your child for their new class and the new arrangements.

I know that September can't come fast enough for some families and I thank you again for your patience after such a long time with no school. Current arrangements and capacity to welcome priority groups back to school are different in every local context and you will see some variations between schools. We hope you trust and understand that we do not have the capacity to add any additional pods or to shift from our position of minimising social interactions by mixing teachers across more than one pod.

In the meantime, we care very much about all the children and trust you continue to do well if we are not seeing you at school. We are here to support you when you need us.

I have been delighted by how the Google Classrooms continue to develop. I can view every class and I can see that the children are beginning to reconnect with one another with positive comments on each other's work and by sharing their own achievements with such pride. It is powerful for the children to be able to hear from and see their teachers, who are leaving messages, quizzes and examples of how to tackle some of the home learning tasks. If you are one of the few families who aren't using this resource, I urge you to do so (it is available on phones, tablets and laptops/pcs), as it will help your child to feel part of our school team again. Please get in touch if you are having problems with access. We are here to help!



At school, we believe we have done well in maintaining a safe environment for our children and staff in order to preserve good health. Thank you to all the parents who have been moving off promptly, not arriving or congregating at the class door too early and remembering our one way system. It all makes a difference and we appreciate your understanding. The children have responded brilliantly to all the new procedures. As restrictions continue to ease and be lifted, I ask you please to remember the continued importance of vigilant behavior. As a staff, effectively working with up to 15 families, we rely on you to help keep us safe. When we see or hear about people not following government guidelines, it makes us nervous. If a member of staff becomes ill, the pod will have to close—we have no spare staff or capacity to mix staff or groups—PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THIS!



It is always upsetting to see children in cars without their seatbelts on. Children and adults are 45% more likely to die if involved in a car crash when not wearing a seatbelt and 50% more likely to suffer serious injury. Please do not move away from the school site until the children in your care are safely belted in.

It has been lovely to hear that a number of children have already got involved in the library service 'Silly Squad' Summer reading Challenge. This is online this year, so do sign up if you haven't already done so!

Take care and stay safe everyone—it could be a busy weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs J Rodwell

Head of School

Stars of the week!

We are delighted to confirm that the following children were awarded Star of the Week today!

Class R: *Williams Lean*—Excellent maths work and *Isla Radford*—Always giving everything a go with a huge smile

Class 1: *Jago Hall*—Great improvement to his presentation and *Myla Cudmore*—Writing a wonderful story and sharing it with her classmates

Class 2: *Eve Felstead*—Sharing great videos linked to our learning this week, *Millie Newman*—A brilliant A-Z of music & creating a fantastic instrument out of fruit and *Verity Harris*—Creating a brilliant percussion instrument out of pipes

Class 3: *Chloe Faragher & Bertie Ely*—Amazing limericks

Class 4: *Esme Rigby*—For a brilliant limerick and *Daisy Pascoe*—Some great poems and a brilliant story

Class 5: *Eva Newman*—Completing lots of wonderful literacy work & for making so many fantastic contributions on Google Classroom and *Tristan Vernon*—Creating some super literacy work and making so many Google Classroom quizzes

Class 6: *Caelan Day*—Awesome piece of literacy, *Oscar Hawtin*—Having a positive attitude and *Evie Morton*—Consistent effort in all she does

Key Worker Group: *Jake Wills*—Working hard and doing really well when doing angles work in maths, *Rupert O'Donnell*—Producing and performing a super rhythm on his maracas by himself in front of the class and *Elia Cowles*—Producing super creative writing

