



16th September 2021

Dear Parents,

Autumn Letter 4 - Autumn Term 2021-2022

Yesterday, Mrs Marshall and I conducted a learning walk to look at pupil workbooks and the classroom environments. All pupils were engaged and working well, in addition, their classrooms looked bright and welcoming. In every room visited it was easy to see the topics being covered this half term with work and key vocabulary on display. Well done to the staff team and all pupils for their hard work.

Staffing

Tomorrow, is Mrs Greenstreet's last day before commencing her maternity leave. Her baby is due later this month. Congratulations and lots of love to Mr and Mrs Greenstreet.

Whole School Collective Worship

It has been wonderful to gather the whole school together for virtual collective worship. We have been looking closely at our value of friendship, remembering that surrounding each other with love and kindness builds happy friendships and a happy school.

This prayer was shared with the pupils this week:

***Lord Jesus Christ
This is our school; let your light shine here.
Let the rooms be full of joy.
Let love be all around-
Love for one another; love for all people; love for you.
Let us remember that, as many hands build a house,
So many hearts build a school.***

Whole School Communication

We have various methods of communicating with parents. Home School Link books, school letters, emails, texts and the school website. We aim to improve our service every year and to this end have signed up for the new Scholarpack App System. Scholarpack is the internal management system that we use to hold all of the data about your child. We use this to send email and text messages.

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Data Sheets

At the beginning of every academic year, it is standard practice that we send data sheets home for you to check all the relevant information we hold regarding contact details etc. You will be receiving these documents tomorrow. You will also be able to see some of this information on the ScholarPack app. Please check this information. If the information we have is up to date and accurate-no further action is required. If there have been changes to your address, telephone numbers etc. please make the changes on the hard copy sent to you and send it back to the school office.



Home school Link Books

All pupils have been given one of our new Home School Link books this week. These books are a fantastic way of keeping in touch with the staff and for recording a note of your child's reading. **This year, we have added some new resources about the curriculum and ways to help your child with their learning. Please do have a look at the front of these books.**

Seesaw

All pupils received new Seesaw codes this week. Please login as weekly homework will be set on a Friday.

Flu Nasal Spray

You have already received an NHS letter inviting your child to have a flu nasal spray. The NHS staff will be visiting school on Tuesday 12th October to administer the spray to all pupils. Parents must complete the consent form to enable their child/ren to receive this immunisation. If the form is not returned the flu nasal spray will not be given.

Open Day and Macmillan Coffee Morning

We have set the date for an open day on Thursday 4th November. Parents will be able to book a time slot between 10am-12pm to visit the school. This will be a great opportunity for new families to see the wonderful work of both the staff and pupils. All families will also be able to visit and have a coffee and cake in the school hall.

Interim COVID Procedures

Although the Government Guidance (shown below) allows schools to remove all COVID procedures, we will be keeping some of the systems at the start of the school year. These interim measures will be in place for a further 2 weeks and then reviewed:

1. Key Stage 'bubbles' maintained during Breakfast Club and After School Club
2. Collective Worship will be virtual and pupils will remain in their classrooms
3. Face coverings will continue to be worn by staff during the start and end of day routines
4. Staff will continue to do twice weekly lateral flow tests
5. Pupils will mix in Key Stage 'bubbles' at breaktimes
6. Pupils will gather on the playground in Key Stage 'bubbles' at the start of the day
7. Parents will collect pupils directly from the classrooms at the end of the school day and use the 'COVID' one-way system (Yellow dots)
8. Staff will be sanitizing all shared equipment or putting it into quarantine for 48 hours
9. Willow and Rowan parents will come through the gate in the morning to take pupils to their classrooms then follow the yellow footsteps back out of the gate
10. The library and school office 'waiting room' will remain closed during these interim COVID procedures

Please may I urge parents to keep to social distancing and be prepared to wear a face covering on the school site.

Year 6 Theatre Visit

Tomorrow evening some of our Year 6 pupils are visiting The Norbury Theatre to see the stage show of 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. This is a text they read later in the year and Mrs Clarke has arranged this visit to inspire the pupils prior to their studies in the summer term.

Kind regards

Mrs Dean
Headteacher