



4th October 2021

Dear Parents,

Autumn Letter 5 - Autumn Term 2021-2022

Our Vice Chair of Governors visited school on Friday to meet the pupils and staff. Whilst on-site he observed lessons, talked to curriculum leaders about their work and joined the pupils at break-time. It was a very enjoyable morning. Mr Goode also asked pupils and staff about their thoughts on how to improve the school further, as the Governing Body are busily collating the school's 5 year strategic plan. Thank you to Mr Goode for his time.

School Improvement and NJK's 5 Year Vision

The Governing Body have been collating feedback from stakeholders over recent months and adding their own ideas to enhance the 5 Year Strategic Plan. Immediate goals include building additional workspace for classes, groups and wrap around care. Employment of further support staff to be able to offer further pastoral support such as Thrive plus longer-term objectives such as a carpark for parents and/or MUGA (Multi-use Games Area). To this end, we would like to invite your feedback. Please complete the slip sent home today and send it back with your ideas.

Staffing

Mrs Shoukry will be resuming her role as SEND Leader next week and returning to the classroom after half term in Ash Class Year 4. She will be teaching 3 days per week and Mrs Marshall will be teaching 2 days per week.

Whole School PSHE Programme

Mrs Berry has once again put together some enjoyable PSHE lessons for our pupils. The PSHE programme is designed to address the areas pupils are finding most difficult following the disjointed 18 months of schooling due to Covid. The activities are based around positive relationships, friendships and respect.

Whole School Communication

We have various methods of communicating with parents. Home School Link books (free of charge this year), school letters, emails, texts, Scholarpack App and the school website. We aim to improve our service continually. We do know however that with the pace of life not all messages are seen, read or interpreted correctly. If school information does not seem to be coming through regularly or if you hear news indirectly either through your child, another parent or WhatsApp and it does not appear to be accurate-please come in and check. **Remember our door is always open. Mrs Dean on the gate, phone call or email to the office or a conversation with Mrs Cross at the window.**

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.



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 break-times
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
11. Reduced visitors on site for activities such as Parents Consultation Evenings by spreading the appointments over more days
12. Telephone appointments with parents if preferred

Parent Consultation Evening

Bearing in mind the above information, if you would rather have a telephone appointment with your child's teacher just let us know. Whilst we look forward to welcoming you all back into the school building we understand if you would rather avoid a meeting where other people will be gathering.

Kind regards

Mrs Dean
Headteacher