



19th October 2021

Dear Parents,

Autumn Letter 8 - Autumn Term 2021 – 2022

Staffing

After half term, Mrs Shoukry will be returning from her maternity leave and Mrs Berry will be starting hers! Mrs Shoukry will be teaching in Ash Class 3 days per week and job-sharing with Mrs Marshall. Mrs Marshall will also be covering in Rowan Class working alongside Mrs Pasmore who will be increasing her working days per week to three. We would like to offer our best wishes to Mrs Berry and her family.

Congratulations too to Mrs Greenstreet who had a baby boy, Wilfred on 5th October. We send her and her family our love and very best wishes.

Interim COVID Procedures

We are taking a systematic approach to bringing the whole school back together following 'bubble' working. This week, we reintroduced break times for key stage groups, rather than class bubbles. We know that pupils have missed their friends in other year groups so it has been lovely to see them playing with each other again. As the weather becomes colder and wetter, all break times will now be on the playground with KS2 football being offered on a rota, one class at a time on the field.

The morning and end of day routines will remain largely the same from 1st November. EYFS and Year 1 pupils and parents come through the gate in the mornings and following the 'footsteps' out. All parents are to collect from classrooms at the end of the day and following the yellow dots on the way out.

PLEASE NOTE: PARENTS OF PUPILS IN HAZEL CLASS CAN LEAVE VIA THE PEDESTRIAN GATE AT THE END OF THE DAY IF THE WAY IS CLEAR AS THIS IS THE NEAREST TO HAZEL CLASS AND WILL MAKE FOR A MORE EFFICIENT EXIT.

From week commencing Monday 15th November and in line with our usual procedures, EYFS and Year 1 pupils will begin to come through the gate unaccompanied. Instead, their teachers will greet them at the gate.

Finally, after half term, we will be once again gathering in the hall for collective worship.

Curriculum Information for Parents

Mrs Berry will be leading the first of our planned curriculum information sessions for parents on Wednesday 20th October at 2.30pm. The workshop will focus on the RSE curriculum, looking at both statutory requirements and how the school has written the curriculum to meet the needs of our pupils and families. Mrs Berry will share lesson plans and information about how you can support your child/ren at home. Please contact the school office to book your place as we are limited to 30 people maximum

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 are always looking for ways to improve our communication. 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, telephone or email the office or have a conversation with Mrs Cross at the window.



Harvest Festival and Collection for Worcester Foodbank

Last Friday the pupils took part in a virtual, Harvest Festival. During the assembly we talked about collecting food for the Worcester Food Bank and who might benefit from the donations. Thank you for your generosity, there is a large collection of items in the foyer. If you would like to donate to this charity, please send any items from the list below into school by Friday 22nd October when Mrs Eeles (parent) will be collecting and taken to the Foodbank .

Worcester Foodbank

Crisis

Latest Shopping List 2021

Our top priority is:

Supermarket gift cards

Our Storehouse

needs:

Peanut Butter
Sponge Puddings
Hot Chocolate
Tinned Potatoes
Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Cold Meats (e.g. Spam)
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Rice pudding
Tinned custard
Noodle Pots/Mugshots
Crackers
Treats
Apple Juice
Orange Juice
Squash

For our cooking packs we need:

Mixed Herbs
Salt
Pepper
Gravy Granules
Instant Coffee
Sugar
Oil
Tomato Sauce
Packet Seasoning

For our pet packs we need:

Wet & Dry Dog Food
Wet & Dry Cat Food

For our comfort packs we need:

Disposable Razors
Nappies Size 5, 6 & 7
Small Washing Up Liquid
Family Size Shower Gel
Men's and Women's Deodorant
Large & Small Washing Powder
Anti Bac Spray
Anti Bac Wipes
Kitchen Roll
Single Adult Toothbrushes
Family Pack of Toothbrushes
Shaving Foam
Family Size Shampoo
Hair Conditioner

We also accept money and gift cards to enable us to buy what we need when we need it. Or donate online at www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk

Thank you for your support. *Please note: We are very grateful for your donations. However, we can only accept donations of unopened and undamaged goods which are still within their "use by" date.*



Important Dates

Now that we are taking steps to move beyond Covid procedures, I am very pleased to offer dates for forthcoming school events such as the Year Leavers' Service and Christmas events. These dates have been added to the calendar on the school website. We very much hope these occasions will take place but if restrictions are placed upon schools once again they may have to change. I trust you will find the advance notice of these dates useful.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mrs Dean".

Mrs Dean
Headteacher