

Dear Parents/Carers

Home Learning

It has been great to see so many families sending in photographs and examples of work from home. We are really keen to celebrate all the hard work that the children have been doing at home so please do keep sending them in for us to use in our celebration letters.

Next week is the last week for reading, writing and maths learning activities to be sent out every day. The following week we will be sending activities about transition to support children in getting ready for September.

New Reception Intake

You should have all received by now a letter explaining who your child's teacher will be in September and offering you an appointment to meet the teacher this month. Please do try and make sure that you can attend this meeting so that you can support a smooth transition into school.

Transition

A letter will be going out next week explaining who the children's teachers will be for next year. All the teachers have prepared recordings to support saying goodbye to their classes and welcoming the children who they will be teaching next year. Details about these videos will follow next week. I know that some parents have asked if we would be able to film or take photographs of the classrooms that the children will be in next year. Unfortunately we are not going to be able to do that as over the last three days of term, the classrooms will be moving around again. However, I will send out details about which entrances the children will need to come in through from September.

PGL Refunds

We are currently going through the insurance process to try and get the money back from the cancelled PGL trip. We will be refunding all the money that parents paid (including the deposit) from school funds so that you are reimbursed before the end of term. A cheque will be sent to you either with your child or via the post if your child is not back in school. Thank you for your patience with this matter.

Neighbours on Roderick Avenue

Please can I ask parents and carers to respect our neighbours on Roderick Avenue by parking considerately. I have noticed cars being parked on the verges or over the yellow zig zag safety lines and have received complaints about this. Also, please be respectful when waiting in the queue and not allowing children to run along the walls or into the driveways. Thank you for your support with this.

Key Dates

15.07 – End of term for Reception children

16.07 – Transition meetings for new Reception children

17.07 – Transition meetings for new Reception children End of term for Year 1 – Year 6 children

20.07 - Staff in school for planning, re-organising classrooms and transition phone calls

21.07 – Staff in school for planning, re-organising classrooms and transition phone calls

22.07 – Staff in school for planning, re-organising classrooms and transition phone calls School closes for the summer holidays

03.09 - INSET training for staff

04.09 - INSET training for staff

06.09 - Children will start to come back to school from this date - more information to follow about this.

Collecting belongings

Next week we are going to start putting together children's belongings for parents to come and collect. We will organise a time when parents can come into the school hall, collect their child/children's belongings and check lost property before we close for the summer. More information to follow about this next week.

Keeping each other safe

I appreciate that the social distancing measures have been relaxed and that many more of us are feeling more comfortable about being out and around other people. However, it is still really important to respect everyone's personal space and so we still need children to stay with their parents when walking in and out of school. Some people want to continue to have this safe social distance between themselves and others outside of their household, so it is important we support everyone in feeling safe. It's also going to be good practice for when everyone is back in school in September as there will continue to be expectations about managing contact with others. Thank you for your support with this.

Nursery Places for September

Once a plan is in place for re-opening the school to all children, we will be contacting parents that have requested Nursery places for September. Please bear with us whilst we are working through the new guidance.

Lovely Feedback

Thank you to all of you that have sent in best wishes and positive feedback about everything we have been doing since March. Your lovely comments are really appreciated and we feel very supported by you all.

We have also received some lovely feedback from someone who is not part of our school community but wanted to praise the school for our work. She said "I just wanted to thank you for your amazing website and links for new pupils starting school in September. I . . . can see that your school and staff have put so much effort into communicating with your parents – they are very lucky!" Such a lovely way to finish off the week.

I do hope that you are all continuing to be safe and well.

We are missing seeing all the children in school and we are looking forward to seeing everyone back in September.

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Take care and best wishes

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