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Attendance & Punctuality

We haven't calculated attendance figures for this week as we have had staggered starts in Reception. We'll begin next week. Attendance has been very good in all classes all week. Dropping off and collecting on time is more important than ever to avoid bubbles crossing over. Class 1 children need to be here by 8.30am to allow the children time to organise themselves in their cloakroom and be in class before Class 2 start arriving.

In Nursery, we are using a one-way system with parents entering via Alpine Road, up the path, across the cloakroom and exiting Nursery via the fire door. They will then leave the premises by walking along the path next to Classes 6 & 7 and out of the top gate. They will be exiting from 2.55pm – 3.05pm. Would Class 5 parents please be aware of this and leave space for Nursery parents to pass? Thank you.

Welcome back everyone. It's been a very long time coming!

What's happened in school this week and what's happening next week!

- The start to school could not have gone smoother if we had tried. I am so proud of how well the children have come in each morning. We have had hardly any tears and none from our newest Reception children. Young children are amazingly resilient and adaptable and this week has proved it. I think they were all genuinely pleased to get back (and I know many parents were even keener for school to reopen). It has been lovely to hear them laughing, playing and generally enjoying school life again. And I have never seen, or had to comment on, so many new shoes at the start of a year!
- We are taking it nice and steady in school. We are planning lots of time to acclimatize and get back into the swing of things. For the next couple of weeks we are all going to use the story 'Don't be Silly Billy' by Anthony Browne. It will give us many opportunities to talk about feelings, allay any worries the children may have and just give them chance to become super comfortable with how school is now.
- The greatest changes in school are for our Y1 and Y2 children. Our Reception and Nursery children don't know school life different to how it is now. I've had one or two conversations with children about why they can't go on the field 'now'. We're explaining all the time but this concept of bubbles is hard for young children. You might want to show them this story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUXDX0WFyno>
- Our new Nursery children have all been for their first visit this week. They are back again next week for another longer play. It's been lovely to meet them.

Assembly Theme: Asking for help – we will try to begin 'virtual' assemblies next week. Wish us luck!

- By Tuesday next week, all our Reception children will be here. Those with us so far have done remarkably well considering they didn't have the usual transition.
- On Friday next week, Class 4 will be learning outside in the first of their Forest School sessions. Please see the separate letter for information.
- All our teachers are entitled to ½ day out of class for Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA). We have organised it this year so that an adult does not have to work in more than two classes (bubbles). Some of our teachers job-share i.e. work part-time and PPA is organised between them and does not involve another adult coming into the class.
In Class 4, Mrs Marsh will teach Class 4 on Thursdays and on Friday afternoons.
In Class 5, Mrs Heavens will teach on Friday afternoons allowing Miss Palmer her PPA.
In Class 6, Mr Barker will teach on Wednesday afternoons.
In Class 7, Mrs Marsh will teach on Wednesday afternoons.
In Nursery, Mrs Taylor will teach on Wednesdays.
It's a little different to how we have organised it previously but it should work.
- We will begin PE lessons w.c.14th September. The children are having lots of time to learn and play outdoors so they are not missing out on physical exercise.



Mrs Townsend's Pupil of the Week.....



I could not pick an individual this week as they have all been rather marvellous!



Nursery News

Nursery staff would like to say a massive well done to the children who have returned. They have thoroughly enjoyed meeting the new children this week and are looking forward to seeing them again next week.

Fire – Please take a moment to read our fire evacuation plan. Thank you.

On hearing the bell—a prolonged ring, please leave the school via the evacuation route displayed in each room. If you are working with a child/children please escort them outside—do not allow them to return to their classroom.

Our meeting point is on the field towards Pot House Lane. Please ensure the child/children join/s their class to take part in roll call.

The school's admin team will distribute the registers and the Inventory (our signing in system) will be checked to ensure all helpers have evacuated safely.

Tweak of the Week: Keep in the right 'lane' in the corridors. Prizes for those classes who do it!

Summer Reading Bingo

Did anyone take part in the Summer Reading Bingo challenge? If you did, please send in your 'evidence' and we'll award prizes next Friday. We have just one entry so far.

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish of the day 1	Meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta	Chicken curry with wholegrain rice	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and gravy	Pasta Bolognese with garlic bread	Fish fingers and chips with tomato ketchup
Dish of the day 2	(V) Quorn meatballs in tomato sauce	(V) Tomato and basil pasta	(V) Quorn roast with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	(V) Cheddar flan with homemade wedges	(V) Quorn fajita & chips vegetable sausage fajita
Oven baked jacket potato	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)	Jacket potato with tuna mayo or cheese (V) or baked beans (V)
Sandwich option	Ham sandwich	Ham on breadcake	Ham sandwich	Ham on breadcake	Ham sandwich
	Tuna sandwich	Tuna on breadcake	Tuna sandwich	Tuna on breadcake	Tuna sandwich
	(V) Cheese sandwich	(V) Cheese on breadcake	(V) Cheese sandwich	(V) Cheese on breadcake	(V) Cheese sandwich
Vegetables	Garden peas Fresh salad	Carrots Sweetcorn	Savoy cabbage Mixed veg	Cauliflower Green beans	Garden peas Baked beans
Salad	Creamy coleslaw	Rice salad	Fruity cous cous	Mixed bean salad	Tomato pasta salad
Desserts	Bun or a biscuit	Bun or a biscuit	Bun or a biscuit	Bun or a biscuit	Bun or a biscuit

Reading books

If you have any reading books at home from March, please send them back ASAP.

We will begin sending home reading books for our Y1 and Y2 children next Friday. We will begin with our phonics books that are labelled with numbers. Teachers will be busy next week assessing where the children are and making sure they get the right book according to what phonemes (sounds) they know. This may be an easier book than they had prior to lockdown if they have forgotten some phonemes.

Once our Reception children are secure in their knowledge of a few sounds, they too, will receive a phonic reading book.

Medication

If your child takes regular medication in school or they have an inhaler, please make sure this has been brought back after the summer holiday.

If your child's medical needs change at all please make sure we are up to date. Thank you.

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Boundary wall around school

When collecting your child/ren from school at the end of the day, you are responsible for taking your child off the school site safely. Please don't let your child walk on the internal and external walls due to the risk of injury and falling from height. Thank you.

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