

## Message from the Deputy Headteacher:

It has been really good to see all year groups return to school this week and in such a positive manner. The children have behaved exceptionally well and adapted to the new rules, systems and routines with a can-do attitude. Our new Reception children have been energetic and approached school in a very positive manner.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your patience and understanding when dropping off and collecting. The one-way system is working effectively, and the amendments made this week have improved this more so. We will continue to use the systems that are in place going forward but will continue to review regularly too. Parents are politely asked to wear face coverings on site and to maintain an appropriate social distance; especially so from Monday when the new groups of 6 rule is implemented by the Government.

From Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September when Reception children join us full time and start at 8.45am, the gates in the morning will be closed promptly by 8.50am. All year groups must ensure that you are arriving at school by 8.45am in order to enable each class to have an ordered start to their day. The hand washing and cloakroom limitations is taking some getting used to and is delayed further by late arrivals.

We will continue to use ParentMail as our main source of contact from the office with parents and with regards to classroom communication, we will continue to use both ClassDojo and PurpleMash too. If you are not connected on any of these systems but have the capability to be then please speak to the office or your child's class teacher, so that we can get you set up.

It has been lovely to see the children return to school in their school uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing a tie and a school jumper and brings a named water bottle to school every day. Water bottles are particularly important this year as we are trying to reduce opportunities for germs to be spread by shared contact. Please remember that your child needs to wear their PE kit on PE days, that home learning is set on a Friday and returned on a Tuesday and that

## Attendance News:

For the academic year our attendance target is 97%. As a school we monitor attendance daily to ensure that pupils in school and making the most of the learning opportunities on offer and make expected progress during the year.

Whole School Attendance: 91.12%					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.39%	90.56%	94.26%	90.43%	89.95%	86.17%

reading books will only be exchanged on a Tuesday and Friday. These are important measures that are in place to keep all children and staff safe in the school environment.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

## ClassDojo

We are using ClassDojo to connect with families, to add work to children's portfolios and to award positive points across the week. ClassDojo enables you, as parents, to connect with your child's teacher(s), to read the class story ensuring you keep up to date with events and to share stories to your child's home learning or out of school events.

We would encourage you to join ClassDojo to ensure that you remain informed with your child's learning. As our teachers take consideration in preparing what they share, we would like to ensure that this reaches as many of our school community as possible.

The table below shows the percentage of parents who are connected and the number of parents who are not connected. We will publish this information again at the end of September and the year group with the greatest increase in parental connections will receive a selection of new books for their book corners. Please help your child's year group to achieve this. You can join our school community on class dojo by visiting the web page address or scanning the QR code below:

<https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?s=5c8a8651972d6a00013d6630>

Year	% of parents connected	No. of parents not connected
EYFS	61%	20
Year 1	42%	28
Year 2	48%	24
Year 3	48%	29
Year 4	50%	28
Year 5	53%	25
Year 6	46%	26



## PE Timetable

Pupils are to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days:

	Day 1	Day 2
EYFS	Monday	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 2	Monday	Friday
Year 3	Monday	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday	Friday

This will not apply to EYFS pupils until the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September.

## Late arrivals

Any child arriving after 8.50am will need to be taken to the school office and signed into school by their parent. You will then be asked to take your child to the KS1 gate where they will be admitted to the site. We are now unable to allow late arrivals through the front door of the school as we are limiting the amount of movement around the school building.

## Dinner menu: Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September

Please find below the dinner menu for next week:

Monday	Chicken tikka or vegetable tikka with rice, peas and sweetcorn Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Jam sponge and custard Yoghurt Cheese and biscuits Fruit
Tuesday	Pork meatballs or veggie balls with pasta and garlic bread Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Lemon sponge with lemon icing Yoghurt, cheese and biscuits or fruit
Wednesday	Roast chicken or quorn fillet served with roast potatoes, carrots, cauliflower and gravy Jacket potato with tuna	Jelly and cream Yoghurt Cheese and biscuits or fruit
Thursday	Beef tacos or quorn tacos with rice and vegetables  Cheese roll	Fudge tart with chocolate sauce Yoghurt Cheese and biscuits Fruit
Friday	Meat pizza or cheese pizza with sweetcorn and coleslaw Tuna mayo sandwich	Ice cream Yoghurt Cheese and biscuits Fruit

### UPCOMING EVENTS



**23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** Break up for half term

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nov** Start of Autumn term 2

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec** Break up for Christmas, 1.30pm finish

**4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021** Spring Term 1 starts

**12<sup>th</sup> Feb** Break up for half term