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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family are safe and well. We have been fairly lucky with the weather in September and although the year has been somewhat challenging, it is nice to see us move into the lovely season of Autumn.

I would like to once again praise our wonderful pupils who continue to impress me in school. They have managed the changes so well. I would also like to thank all of you for your support and patience during the whole school return.

COVID 19 Update

Thus far we have not had to close year group bubbles or areas of school. Many schools have had to already do this and whilst we are prepared, I very much hope that we can avoid a partial closure. The best way to avoid a partial closure is to try to ensure that we keep COVID19 away from school. We can try do this together. As a reminder you can all help us:

1. Please **do not send your child into school if they have any of the three symptoms**. Although a new cough may be linked to a cold it may not be and keeping your child absent could help prevent wider closures if they prove to have the virus. If you are unsure, keep your child off and ring into school and we will advise.
2. Ensure that if **anyone who lives in your house has any of the COVID symptoms** including your child, all stay at home and follow guidance.
3. **Wear a face covering and keep your distance** from other parents and staff at school entrances and on the playgrounds.

We have been monitoring our staggered start and end times to school. As previously mentioned, we need these to keep playgrounds clear and even more so to control the use of the toilets as pupils come into school. We believe the times are working for us, but we are a little concerned it is busy at a certain point on Brookside Avenue. We may wish to make a final change for pupils in Reception. Reception parents please look out for an email regarding this. All parents until then, please keep to the same times for now.



Home Remote Learning

You should have received a letter regarding how to help your child access their home learning gmail account. It requires your child to use a device and login to see work set by the teacher. Our admin and IT team also created a very helpful guide that was sent home too. As explained in the letter home, whilst this has been set up specifically for your child when they are not in school the work also acts as some additional school work that will help children to recap, particularly the maths section.



Playpals

We have quite a lot of interest in our holiday club during October. Whilst the demand is lower than usual, the likelihood at this stage is that we will run the holiday club. Our Playpals team are going to work on the final details over the next couple of days. Once complete we will contact all those who have shown interest. If you missed the deadline, then please contact Playpals in the next two days and they may be able to add you to the reserve list.

Meet The Teacher

We would normally have set a 'meet the teacher' evening for Years 1 -Year 6 by now. This is something that the senior team will be working on this week. By the end of this week, I hope to share how we intend to make this happen before half term. Nursey and Reception parents will have phone calls this term following on from induction meetings.

Class Charts

For parents in Year 2 - Year 6 you should have access to Class Charts. This is an app. The app enables you to track your child's behaviour in school on a daily basis. You will be able to see if your child manages to keep all the 50 minutes golden time that they have for the week on a Friday. If your child is new to school in Years 2- Year 6, or your child is in Year 1 we will be sending home a login and password for the class charts app. We have found that it is a very useful app for parents to use, as you can praise your child if they have had a good day in school or remind children of behaviour expectations if required.

Year 1 parents we are looking to setup an online meeting with all of you to discuss class charts along with other items that we think will help your child as they progress in Year 1.

#Hello Yellow Day

Friday is World Mental Health awareness day. We will be discussing how we keep our minds healthy in school. We considered requesting very small donations but with the handling of money this isn't possible. We will be encouraging the children to wear a small something yellow eg: cap, bow, yellow laces and so on. It is not a non uniform day just an opportunity to acknowledge the event. Should you wish to donate then please go to

I'll be in touch again very soon,

Yours sincerely,

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