



Welcome back – Welcome back to school and the Autumn term! A special welcome to those joining us for the first time: Evie, Finley, Jacob, Louisa and Noah joining us in Class A; Jace joining us in Class B.

Staffing – Welcome to Miss Haplin in Class D, Mrs Simes in Class B and Miss Williams in Class B and C joining us to cover the absence of Mr Kendrick and Mrs Monk.

School Ethos and Behaviour – Over the first three days of term staff undertook a range of training sessions. Monday was spent focussing on the school ethos and behaviour across our school community and we will be using five pillars of practice:

1. Consistent, calm adult behaviour
2. First attention for best conduct
3. Relentless routines
4. Scripted interventions
5. Restorative follow up

The first part of this work is focussed on embedding our new three school rules:

- i. Ready
- ii. Respect
- iii. Safe

For the first three weeks of school we are focussed on how we move around the school building and site and have agreed what 'Marvellous Moving' looks like. We have already spotted lots of great examples of this happening.

Class information – Information for individual classes regarding topics and homework will be sent home next week.

End of school day – Following suggestions from the Parent Forum we will be trialling a new approach to the end of the school day from Monday next week. Children should be collected from the playground side of the school with parents waiting in the vicinity of the appropriate classroom door. Both Class A and Class B will be dismissed from Classroom B. The playground gates will open at 3:20pm and be closed at 3:40pm. We ask that parents wait a polite distance back from the classroom door so as not to disturb the end of the day in classes.

School lunches – Jacket potatoes are now available every day for a hot school lunch.

PE lessons and PE kits – PE lessons for individual classes are as outlined on the table below. However we are looking for further opportunities for physical activity and therefore are asking that PE kits come to school on a Monday and stay in school for the week, coming home on a Friday. All classes will also have a 15 minute physical activity a day in addition to PE lessons.

Pencil Cases – We are asking for your support in ensuring that classes are ready for learning. Pupils in classes D and E can have their own pencil cases in class as long as they are used for learning and not as a toy. No pencil cases in Classes A, B or C please.

Friday 13th September – Roald Dahl Day – We will be participating in this day which is focussed on the theme of 'The power of words to change the world'. Pupils may dress as their favourite Roald Dahl character if they wish.



School noticeboard – A huge thank you to Mr Davies (dad to Dexter in Class C) for our fabulous new noticeboard outside the front of school which he has made for us.

Communication – We are continuing with the following forms of communication:

- Class Dojo - New passwords have been sent home. Please look at for your individual log-in – please do not use to report absence.
- School website - Documents will also continue to be available on the school website.
- Weekly newsletter
- Red / Green books – Individual communication to class teachers.
- Last minute messages to be left with Mrs France.
- School notice board.

Newsletter – From October half term the newsletter will only be available in digital format on the school website and dojo and on display in the school notice board.

Dates for the diary – please see dojo and the school website for the School Date calendar for 2019-20.

- Fri 13th Sept – Roald Dahl day
- Fri 27th Sept – Macmillan coffee morning
- Week beginning Mon 7th Oct – Parent teacher meetings
- Fri 25th Oct – Harvest service at St Marys – year 6 parents welcome to attend
- Week beginning Mon 28th Oct – Half term break

Yours sincerely



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