



# Headteacher's newsletter #2

Autumn 2

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Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn term.

## New guidance going into national lockdown

As you are all aware, we are going into another lockdown as of Thursday. All children are still expected to come to school unless there is a medical reason that prevents them from doing so. If this is the case, you need to email myself to discuss this further. School is the best place for the children to learn and be with their peers. I know this will be a scary thought for some of you and I can assure you we will be putting as many protective measures in place as we can. However, we all know that there is only so much we can do.

I know my staff will rise to the challenge of being in one of the keyworker sectors out there, who have to continue to work during this lockdown. As it is impossible to socially distance within a classroom of 30 children, they and the children will be at risk. Please be respectful of this outside of school and adhere to the government's guidelines about the lockdown so that we can try and keep everyone as safe as possible.

We will be keeping our classrooms well ventilated so you may wish to layer your children up during the winter months so they do not feel cold. Please make sure your children are dressed for the weather with sensible footwear and a coat. If they were taken home for the half term, slippers can be brought back into school to change into whenever necessary.

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## Increased safety measures at drop off and pick up

- The time slots you chose during the summer holidays will still apply during the national lockdown – please do try to stick to these.
- **Please wear a mask at our school gates** when dropping off or picking up your child and whenever you enter our site. Staff on the gates may also wear a clear visor.
- You must also not linger or have conversations with friends on the footpath directly outside of school or on the school site. You must be 2m apart from each other, unless you live together or are in a support group.
- No parents should be coming through the gates in the morning. Any queries or messages need to be passed through the school office or sent to the child's class teacher via email.
- Please reiterate the rules that we have in school to your children. As they walk in to and from school they must observe social distancing with anyone not in their class bubble.

Thank you to all the families who continue to support us and follow our risk assessment (available to view on our website).

## Our first house challenge – Cross Country

Just before the half term, most classes competed in our first house challenge of 2020. Well done to all the children in years 3, 4 and 5 who took part. Unfortunately, year 6 were not able to complete their run due to the adverse weather. As soon as they have, we will announce the overall winning house!

## Whole school Times Table Rockstars dress up day!

On Friday 13 November we will be hosting a TTRS dress up day. Please do not buy any shop bought items for this. We are aware this coincides with Children in Need so if you would like to make a small donation to this charity we will be accepting loose change to go into a collection box. A letter with more information will follow shortly.

## Reports

As you were informed in the previous newsletter, we made the decision early on to send out a report to replace parent consultation evenings. These will be coming home to you on Friday 6 November. If you have any further questions or concerns after reading your child's report, please do contact the class teachers by email, to arrange a follow up telephone call.

## Virtual AGM for Parents, Teachers and Students Association (PTSA)

Due to the current restrictions with Covid-19, we are unable to host our usual fundraising events. We are therefore anticipating closing down our PTSA committee until further notice with the hope to restart in the future when we are able to.

If you would like to join the virtual meeting on Tuesday 3 November @ 7:30pm, then please do let us know so that we are able to send you the link to do so.

## Emails and phone calls

We have seen an increase in the number of parents who are sending direct emails to the staff in school rather than telephoning our school office. This is absolutely fine as we know you cannot speak to us face to face at the moment. Please be reminded, however, that being a 'Keyboard Warrior' is not ok. I will not tolerate staff being spoken to in a rude manner via email.

Please bear in mind the following information when emailing or phoning school to a member of staff:

1. Class teachers are in class from 8.30am-3.15pm every day. They do have a lunch break, but this is for them to prepare for the afternoon lessons and to relax.
2. The hours staff may reply to emails are between 7.30am and 5.30pm. Outside of these times, it is at the discretion of the individual.
3. Staff do not work weekends or holidays unless they choose to do so.
4. We have a 48-hour turnaround period in which to respond to you. If your message is urgent, please phone main reception and leave a message to be passed on to the class teacher. If the call turns out not to be urgent, then the 48-hour turnaround period will once again apply.
5. Absences should be reported in the usual way, by telephone, website form or ParentMail and not by email to the class teacher.

**Email addresses may be found on our school website**

