



Newsletter

18th September 2020

We have enjoyed a fabulous week in school. All the children need to be congratulated for how well they have adapted to the new ways of working and moving around the school. All staff agree that the children have come back settled and ready to learn and have quickly settled into a routine with their new teaching staff. Well done everyone.

The staff are using social media to keep you up to date with what is happening within the school and in their classrooms. Through the safety of their class bubble the children are having the opportunity to explore a wide and exciting curriculum.

We are also hoping to re-introduce our music tuition for Year 2 and Year 5 back into school from next week and the safety measures we have taken to do this are set out on our risk assessment, available on our website.

Covid

I appreciate how worrying the current situation is for all of us and for yourselves with the recent reopening of schools.

I can only reassure you that we are doing everything we can to ensure that we can all remain safe and we continue to follow all the guidelines from the DfE and Public Health England rigorously. Our up to date risk assessment is now on the website under the tab for Covid on the home page which outlines all the steps we are taking.

Just as a reminder to all our families, this is valuable information, as we approach the season of colds and flu.

Colds, 'Bugs' and Coronavirus:

As we move into the winter months, we will start to see lots of children presenting with runny noses, sore throat and other minor symptoms of colds or similar 'bugs.' I would like to remind you, we will be looking for the three main symptoms of coronavirus as detailed on the [NHS website](#) with regards to any advice for a child to go home, isolate and get tested:

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- *a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*
- *a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*
- *a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal*

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

If you, your child or any member of your household develop any of the above symptoms please ring 119 and get medical advice.

School Crossing Patrol

There will be no school crossing patrol on Friday 25th September, both in the morning and at the end of the school day. Also, on Monday 28th September in the morning. If your child usually uses the crossing please make alternative arrangements.

Staff member leaving- Mrs Trask

It is with a sad heart that we have to inform you that Mrs Trask our Thrive Practitioner, will be leaving us on the 25th September. Mrs Trask is moving on to a new chapter in her work life and we send her all our best wishes.

Mrs Cook

Mrs Lucy Cook will be leaving us today to start her maternity leave. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best as she awaits the arrival of her new family member. We look forward to meeting the new baby in the future when it is safe to do so. All the best.

Water Bottles in School

As always, we encourage all our pupils to attend school with a water bottle in order for them to remain hydrated throughout the day. Their water bottle can be refilled throughout the day, this will sometimes be done by the staff, to keep the children safe in this current climate. The bottle should be come to school in the morning filled with plain water, which is the practice in all primary settings, not with cordial or flavoured water. If your child has a medical condition related to this and this needs to be discussed further then please come to see Mrs Wilson at the main reception to complete a medical form. Thank you for your understanding.

COSHH risk assessment

As part of our risk assessments within school we need to monitor the use of chemical and cleaning substances. This is all done as part of our health and safety work. Although the children are enjoying their personalised sanitiser bottles, we need to ask that these remain at home, for home use only. This is to ensure that children do not get harmed by the contents when not being supervised by an adult and due to the fact that we cannot monitor the product inside them. All of our classrooms and work areas are stocked with soaps and sanitisers. I hope you will support us with this.

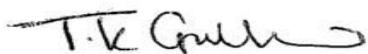
Class of the Week

As one of our new incentives this year we have a Class of the Week award. This is presented on a Friday to the class in school who have had the most positive comments made about them. These are comments from all the staff including dinner staff and office staff. The class that have made the biggest impact in school that week will be awarded with a trophy to keep for the week and a bag of treats for them to enjoy individually.

Our Class of the Week is **Year 2!** Well done to you all.



Yours sincerely



Mrs T Gulliver,
Headteacher.