



Newsletter

11th September 2020

Another fabulous week in school where we are all getting into the routine and the new systems well. The children have settled in incredibly well and are already producing some fabulous work at a very high standard. Teacher and support staff are working with their classes to check the pitch of the new learning and identify the areas where the children need to make accelerated progress. The behaviour in school is exemplary from all the children.

Dinners are also running very smoothly and all staff are supporting with all our class bubbles to make the new systems work so thank you. The dinner menus are on our website for you to check if you would like to start having a dinner. Children can alternate between dinners and packed lunches.

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 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.

Staff member leaving

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.

One-way systems

Our one-way systems seem to be working well. We do expect there to be some teething issues with our plans but these seem to be small.

Firstly, can we ask that families do not congregate around the back of the key stage 2 building and try to keep moving. If possible, limit the number of adults collecting a child. Also, please try not to congregate outside the school entrances. We are all responsible in doing our bit to keep school open.

Secondly, please do not let your children run onto the playground and fields after school. We keep each playgroup separate for a year group to ensure that they are safe.

Finally, if you are a parent/carer who needs to use the disabled car parking during drop offs and pickups can you please arrange this through ringing the school as we will allocate you specific times for you to do this to ensure that all our children can remain safe.

Donations for Jill Peaker

Thank you so much for your kind donations towards our memorial. The donations that have been received are tremendous and testament to the lady herself. We have liaised with John Peaker and are looking at a memorial bench and planter for school and another for the family at home. Both of these will have engraved plaques and be planted with evergreen plants, as Jill adored her garden and her favourite colour was green. As soon as these are ordered we will send you some photos and organise a day for the opening of the memorial.

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.

For our first week, the Class of the Week is **Year 3! Well done to you all.**



Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Mrs T Gulliver

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Headteacher.