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Newsletter- End of Term

Dear families,

We will try our best, in the letter that follows, to tie up any loose ends for this year **and** inform you about our plans for the academic year ahead!

Thank You: On behalf of the whole staff I would like to thank parents for their support, messages and kind gifts. They are never expected but always appreciated. We clearly serve a very special group of people that we are lucky to call the Springvale Community! We wish you all a very happy and restful Summer!

Transition Updates: The face-to-face and zooms and story sessions were fabulous! Thank you for joining us! We have had 88% of pupils in school now since lockdown- more than double of most schools and treble the national average! Wow! More importantly we've managed to keep staff and pupils safe at all times- great work everyone! Make sure you stay safe over summer everyone! We look forward to the transition days in September for new F1 and F2 pupils and their families. Please note that we would still like to limit this to one parent visitor per child and no siblings to attend due to the latest guidance and our own risk assessment findings.

Initial Plans for Next Year: Please find enclosed a calendar for the next academic year and a suggested planner of events. The events are all subject to health and safety guidance- we will keep you updated on each event as soon as we can! All details about next year are listed again (with any slight amendments in highlighted text) on the final page of this document. Please note the following additions following some final meetings this week:

- Club list attached- all clubs need a minimum number to go ahead. Children kept within class bubbles at all times for the foreseeable future.
- Crossing Patrol will return to school on Monday 7th September and will cover the start and end times of all pupils for the foreseeable future.
- New Y5/6 pupils, please let us know if they have permission to walk home/to school and state any particular days or arrangements before Monday 7th September please. Please note that children must represent school incredibly well and have exception behaviours beyond the school gates if they are to walk home and they should be safe and supported at home on their return. If we have concerns we may remove the option to walk home at short notice.
- Our biggest concern is the new 5 minute windows for drop off. This relies very heavily on parents and pupils being ready and organised to enter and leave school sharply. It also means we are more likely to have queues (hopefully just initially, until we all get used to things) but the need to keep a distance, keep your children very close to you and safe, etc. has never been more important. We will still have the one way system and new signage around school to help. EYFS parents especially may need to work with their child to prepare them for the need for a quick handover- we know this isn't ideal but we are confident that our staff will adapt with parental support as ever!

Year 6: Last Friday we said goodbye to a wonderful group of children and their fabulous families! It has been an emotional day for sure! We started the day with a guard of honour for the pupils and ended it with a lovely assembly to celebrate the progress, achievement and success of these incredible children. Good luck for a very bright future, you will be missed!

Stay safe everyone and thank you for your continued outstanding support. Have a great Summer!

Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Key Information for 2020/21

Risk Assessment: Please see attached document.

School Uniform: All back to normal. Uniform and PE kit back in place. Plain, black shoes. Name in all items.
Equipment: F1 to Y1 all provided. Y2-Y6 to bring their own pencil case and stationery please.
Clubs: All end at 4.30pm. All classes Y1-Y6 offered at least one club per term, offer rotated. Subsidised.
Visits: Will return where dully risk assessed and safe enough to attend.
Visitors: Limited. Only allowed access by appointment. Parents and guests to stay out of the building.
Temperature Checks: Remain daily for all pupils and staff. All visitors to have temperature taken.
PPA cover/specialist teaching: All plans made to reduce the number of pupils taught. Limited to 3 groups.
Drop off: Limited numbers please- 1 parent maximum. One way system in operation for drop-off/collection.
Playtimes: Taken in zones with a maximum of 3 classes at once, one in each zone.
Assemblies: All online, mid-morning. Normal themes and timetables followed.
Leadership: Leaders assigned to key times and for safeguarding/medical support needs.
Staffing: All staff to return unless medically unable to do so.
Attendance: Compulsory and chased up daily as per normal circumstances.
Punctuality: Late arrivals logged and discussed with parents. Need for all parents to arrive at precise times.
Breakfast Clubs: Cannot go ahead at this time.
Events/shows: Will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and online version attempted if needed/possible.
Dress up/down days: Will be limited but we will still plan some to support charitable causes.
Water Bottles: Needed in school every day. Must be cleaned and returned every day.
Book Bags: They will return for any homework, books, reading diaries. Daily reading is vital.
Catch-up: We have plans to assess, track and review all pupil progress more closely in all subjects.
Curriculum: The curriculum will return in full. Some extra/extended content like handwriting/mental maths.
Transition: Please ensure that you have seen relevant letters and Powerpoints and shared with pupils.
Holiday Requests: Every single minute of available education counts so we discourage term-time holidays.
Homework: Homework projects, tasks and expectations around reading, spelling and x table skills return.
Home Learning: We expect that all pupils will return unless they have a significant medical reason.
Work to support shielding/at risk: We will share some examples of class work via email.
School meals: A new three-week menu will begin on our return: already emailed out.
Music Tuition: Will resume soon- see email from Miss Chapman! Please contact us if you want to learn!
Ukulele lessons: New Y4 will continue to October half term and then new Y3 will learn Nov 20 to July 21.
Sittings: There will be three meal sittings (F2 and Y1 12-12.30pm, Y2-Y4 12.30-1.00pm, Y5-6 1.00-1.30pm)
SMSA mixing: Lunchtime staff will stay with their group and track them between the hall and the playground.
Where do we go to drop off/collect? Nursery/reception at the class doors. Others at rear of school near Y6.
What do siblings do until their class time? Sit in the hall with a book. Must be sensible and on task.
Class Times: See below. Families to arrive at the earliest sibling time and collect at the last sibling time.
Milk and Fruit: We expect these to return soon and will update further on costs/refunds from this year.
Extra time in Nursery: Parents can pay £2.50 per session for their child to stay until the end of the school day.

Childcare: Parents *can* use childcare arrangements from September but we would ask that they liaise with providers to ensure that children are supported in small, consistent bubbles. We will work with the providers and BMBC to ensure that any concerns are followed up and addressed. Where possible please limit support to before *or* after school rather than both to minimise mixing.

Class	Start	End	Playtime	Lunch
Year 6	8.30am	3.30pm	10.50-11.10am	12.30-1.30pm (1pm lunch)
Nursery	8.35am	11.35am or 2.35pm (30h)	Outdoor Learning	11.35-12.05pm lunch
Reception	8.40am	3.00pm	Outdoor learning	12-1.00pm (12noon lunch)
Year 1	8.45am	3.05pm	10.15-10.35am	12.20-1.30pm (12.20 lunch)
Year 2	8.50am	3.10pm	10.15-10.35am	12.30-1.30pm (12.30 lunch)
Year 3	8.55am	3.15pm	10.15-10.35am	12.30-1.30pm (12.30 lunch)
Year 4	9.00am	3.20pm	10.50-11.10am	12.30-1.30pm (1pm lunch)
Year 5	9.05am	3.25pm	10.50-11.10am	12.30-1.30pm (1pm lunch)
Assembly Online 10.35-10.50am				