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Newsletter- Week 23

Dear families,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter, one which are delighted to say has all of the key details about a safe and happy return to school for all children. The following letter will try to give you as much detail as possible whilst also being as succinct as we can be! If you have any questions please do get in touch. We also attach our school dinner menu to the email with this letter. Next week we will map out a mini-planner for parents full of key dates and events including some Zoom and/or potential face-to-face events for parents for the rest of the school year.

Friday 26th February 2021

EYFS Unit: Due to the amount of mixing involved and the delicate nature of the COVID challenge facing us we have shelved the concept of our EYFS for the foreseeable future.

Reminder of class names: Now that all children will be back in school we will re-launch our themed class names for this school year! They have a theme of doctors, nurses and heroes!

F1 Rainbow Rangers

F2 Dr Ranj's Rangers

Year 1 Nina's Neurons

Year 2 Sensational Seacoles

Year 3 Courageous Colonel Moore's

Year 4 Fantastic Flemings

Year 5 Hippocrates' Heroes

Year 6 Winston's Wonders

Learning Projects, initial plans and home support: Our online teaching offer will continue for one more week. All work and supporting resources have been shared on emails, the school website and in reception in printed versions where requested. We cannot thank parents enough for their efforts in helping us to teach effectively and allowing the curriculum to continue. Our Zooms will be slightly affected this week with Wednesday's plan being reduced to one Zoom per phase at 9.10am (EYFS), 10.15am (KS1) and 11am (KS2). This is reflected in the planning packs too. This will allow our staff to prepare adequately for the return of all pupils on Monday 8th March. Our initial plans are to teach the full core curriculum with extra focus on wellbeing and physical health in the first two weeks. The final week before Easter will be assessment week in classes and staff will ensure that they capture a full profile of each pupil. The information gathered during this week will inform our planning for additional support in the Summer term which we expect to include booster classes, support groups and tutoring support. The Summer Term will be reorganised in terms of special events and the staff have been given only one instruction...teach, teach and teach some more! We are also planning some special Zoom meetings for parents to catch up on what is happening in each class to help children to stay on track. As restrictions are lifted we do hope to have a range of events which include bringing back the traditional approach to clubs, assemblies and such like. Special events like Sports Days and charity days will return too late in the Summer Term.

Self-isolators: Any child or family having to self-isolate will be provided with planned learning activities that match the work being done in class. Mrs Wildsmith will email you any planning or resources each day and then be available for support and feedback.

Feedback from teachers: We will be providing some feedback from class teachers following the assessment cycle mentioned above and then planning for a face-to-face or virtual parents' evening in the Summer Term as mentioned previously. Please return any hard copies of work or workbooks from the lockdown period so that staff can collate the work with what we already have in school. Please also return any borrowed resources like class texts or reading books so that they can be quarantined.

Childcare/Wraparound: Childcare and wraparound support continues to be available from many local providers. All childminders and wraparound support should note that 8.45am and 3.15pm are the agreed times to bring pupils in any age group.

Risk Assessment: Our risk assessment has been adapted slightly and will be carefully reviewed regularly by leaders and Governors before being shared with BMBC, unions and parents. Track and trace remains in place so any positive cases reported who have been in class within a period of 48 hours of developing symptoms or testing positive (whichever comes first) will lead to bubble closures. Please note that a bubble closure will trigger a live teaching timetable and work will be set for the days required as per the Jan-March lockdown with weekly plans shared/emailed/printed and teaching done online to supplement. ***It is important to point out that any bubble closure next week (w/c 1st March) could lead to the whole class- including those who have not been in school yet- having to learn remotely if staff are isolating too. We do not expect or want this to happen but we have to plan for all eventualities and make parents aware of this.***

School Uniform: Uniform can return from Monday 8th March but in a more relaxed way. Many families won't have been able to replace shoes or uniform with shops or suppliers closed. Vortex is taking orders online and will deliver to homes. We recommend that uniform plus extra layers (an appropriate hoodie perhaps) is worn so that children stay warm with the extra ventilation in place. If you don't have school shoes and cannot get any or if you child has grown out of their uniform, don't worry, we can only do the best we can do with the current situation!

Frequently Asked Questions

Equipment: All provided by school and kept within bubbles. No equipment required from home.
Clubs: Audrey Zoom to continue to Easter, then clubs will return with 1 sporty/1 non-sport offered per class.
Visits: Will return where fully risk assessed and safe enough to attend.
Visitors: Limited. Only allowed access by appointment.
Temperature Checks: Have been removed from the risk assessment.
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. Masks must be worn.
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.
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 due to the hall being required for siblings in reading club.
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- they can now stay in school and will be topped up.
Book Bags: They will return for any homework, books, reading diaries. Daily reading is vital.
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.
Work to support isolating/at risk: We will share some examples of class work via email and check in daily.
School meals: The three-week menu will resume on our return: hot, vegetarian, jacket and sandwich option.
Music Tuition: Will resume in school for Spring! Please contact us if you want to start learning after Easter!
Ukulele lessons: Y3 have a weekly lesson on a Thursday and need their instrument in school.
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 in their class section reading a book from 8.30am
Class Times: See below. Families to arrive at the earliest sibling time and collect at the latest sibling time.
Milk and Fruit: Return as normal- see email soon about milk costs/pay periods etc.

Class	Start	End	Playtime	Lunch
Year 6	8.30am	3.05pm	10.50-11.10am	12.30-1.30pm (1pm lunch)
Nursery AM	8.35am	11.35am	Outdoor Learning	11.35-12.15pm lunch club
Nursery PM	12.15pm	3.15pm	Outdoor learning	
Reception	8.40am	3.00pm	Outdoor learning	12-1.00pm (12noon lunch)
Year 1	8.45am	3.05pm	10.15-10.35am	12.10-1.30pm (12.10 lunch)
Year 2	8.50am	3.10pm	10.15-10.35am	12.20-1.30pm (12.20 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	9.00am	3.25pm	10.50-11.10am	12.30-1.30pm (1pm lunch)
Assembly Online 10.35-10.50am				

