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Week 25 Newsletter

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Dear families,

It has been a very positive start so far and an absolute pleasure to welcome everyone back. We are adjusting as quickly as possible to ensure that all children are happy, settled and thriving in school. The following newsletter sets out lots of little tweaks and important reminders to help everyone to stay safe and to ensure that all children make rapid educational progress from here on in.

Diary dates: The diary dates to the end of the school year are set out on page two of this newsletter. All events are subject to change and will only take place 'in person' where it is judged safe to do so and in-line with the latest Government advice. We will keep you updated every step of the way. Any events on Zoom will have a link sent out on the day for you to access. The 'how to help your child' and Y6 parent meetings are very, very important so please attend if you possible can.

Key Information to support learning:

- The school's expectations around daily reading (including completing the log), working hard on spellings, maths skills are in place and more important than ever. We have more staffing hours than we have had in previous years due to COVID catch up funding but the role of parents is crucial to ensure that all children get support in school and out to achieve their potential
- Many thanks to everyone who shared work during lockdown on Twitter or emails and/or have brought in their work learning. Staff will be keeping some examples as evidence of our Zoom teaching and the work that was created but most will be returned alongside our in-class work at the end of the year. Staff will be looking at the work this week or next and giving feedback to children about their efforts and achievements as well as any areas to work on, as they would do in class. This is the last chance, therefore, to send in any work for feedback.
- We have sent out the PE timetable for the whole school on email (on Monday) and it is crucial that children have kit. All PE days have been notified but we always stress to bring it on a Monday and take it home on a Friday so all children should have their coloured PE kit in school every day.
- Children require a water bottle each day and we will allow them to stay in school for the full week now- they will be rinsed and filled each day at least once but this is to stop the constant reminders/dropping off of forgotten water bottles during the day. Where a water bottle is not present in school we will provide a new one and charge for it unless you tell us that you do not want that to happen.
- Please ensure that children, especially those in Y5/6 know the plan for the end of day before they leave for school. Last week we had several calls asking us to pass on messages about such plans in learning time which is not fair on teachers or the rest of the class and their learning time. We assume and expect that any children walking home are walking from school to their home without any detour or delay and that an adult is there to greet/support them upon arrival. Where this is not the case we will remove the privilege to walk home to ensure the safety of all pupils.

Tweaks and reminders about current systems and processes, some have been reviewed and changed slightly to make ongoing improvements:

- Please ensure that you drop all children off at the specified time in the morning so that learning can start promptly.
- Please collect children at the specified time unless you have 2 or more children. In this case you should split the difference in their times for collection and come in-between. This means that no child will be collected more than 10 minutes after their classes end time.
- Please contact us if you need support with uniform or PE kit or if you cannot access any necessary items due to retail closures, this will help us to know the difference between forgotten kit and not having any so that staff can plan accordingly.
- We will ask that people now 'keep right' as they enter/leave the back playground. This was an error by myself last week and I only realised that the keep left meant that, at busy times, people would have to cross each other to gain access to the long path alongside the football field!

Thank you for your fantastic support as always. Have a great weekend.

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher