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Friday September 18th 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have been enjoying the good weather and spending as much time as possible outside this week. We have enjoyed looking at their work from the first week back. We have asked the teachers to take some pictures of the displays to put on the school twitter feed.

We are looking forward to celebrating First Holy Communion with some of the Year 4 children tomorrow. Because of COVID restrictions this is an invitation only service. This is such a special event in our school calendar and although we can't have a family procession straight away, God willing we can include the children in our communion celebrations for Year 3 in the Spring. In the meantime we will celebrate their Holy Communion next Friday during praise assembly. Please go to your class page on Google classroom where you will find the link to this week's praise assembly.

We would also like to thank you for your support during the first few weeks of our co-headship. We both share the same vision and values for the school and although we can't say 'our door is always open' physically, we are both here to help you with any questions or anxieties you might have. Please telephone or email the school if you would like to speak to us at any time.

### **Start and end to the school day**

This appears to be going smoothly at the moment, please bear with us next week as Mr Sturdy is away and it can be tricky co-ordinating all the gates. We ask once again that children in Years 5 and 6 are not dropped off before 8.10am as the gates are not open and there is no-one to supervise in the busy car park.

**We always welcome feedback from parents so we can work together to improve things. Remember please to socially distance when you are waiting to pick up or drop off.**

### **Coronavirus news**

The Government have been very clear about coronavirus symptoms and when you should get



***"Together we love, together we hope, together we learn."***



tested. I hope the COVID flow chart we sent last week made it a bit clearer. Please see all the latest coronavirus/education news on the school web site. Particularly the latest hands, face, space information copy and paste the link:

[www.gov.uk/government/news/new-campaign-to-prevent-spread-of-coronavirus-indoors-this-winter](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-campaign-to-prevent-spread-of-coronavirus-indoors-this-winter)

### **Lunch times**

Fish and chips will now be available as an alternate hot meal on Friday in addition to wraps. Your child can decide on the day if they want a hot dinner or a wrap. We hope that we will be able to offer a full school meal service after half term.

### **Meet the teacher/Home work/Covid lesson packs**

- PowerPoint presentations are available for each class meet the teacher on your child's Google classroom page.
- Weekly homework and a termly class project will also be set for your child on Google classroom.
- If your child has to self-isolate or is off school awaiting COVID test results there will be COVID packs available on your child's classroom page. These packs will be updated by the teacher to reflect the core subjects (English and Maths) that are being taught in class. We would ask you to refer to the termly curriculum overviews for the rest of the subjects and use BBC bitesize or Oak academy to supplement your child's learning. Should a whole class need to self- isolate we would go back to the model we had during the initial stage of lock down with the teacher setting daily work and your child returning it for comment.

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher please email the school and it will be forwarded to the relevant teacher to make arrangements. At present we are not having face to face meetings so they will take place by telephone or Teams.

Please contact Mr Bath via the school office if you are unable to access Google Classroom. It is imperative for all families to have access to the Google platform in the event a class or school lockdown is necessary.

### **Parent's evenings:**

These meetings are, as in the past, for settling in and initial progress during term 1: Reception-Year 6.

They will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October; these will be held by telephone and you will be given an hour slot for a 10 minute phone chat. We will send out this information in your child's school diary week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> of October. You will be able to email the school office if the time is unsuitable.



## **Nut allergy**

We would like to remind everyone that we are a **nut free school**, please do not send your child to school with nuts either for a snack or in their lunch box. We have several children who are severely allergic to nuts.

## **Reading at home**

We are relaunching our reading aloud 5x per week at home for 10 minutes. This is especially beneficial for your child's reading development at every age. We are pleased to announce that Year 6 came top this week – well done Year 6! There will be a reward at the end of every term for the class with the most reading aloud numbers. Please sign your child's school diary if they have read to you for 10 minutes at home.

## **School Uniform Reminder:**

Summer uniform can be worn up to Friday 2nd October. If you are unsure of the uniform code there is a list available in the office and on the web site. Please make sure everything is named as it will go into the lost property box if it is left unnamed around the school.

PE kits can be worn into school when it is your child's PE day, your class teacher will let you know when these days are.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

### **Recognising and Responding to Anxiety - Poster (Trauma Informed Schools)**

Anxiety is not always easy to spot and can be masked by other emotions and behaviours and we may not recognise the fears that sit beneath. Some common things to look out for can be seen in this poster. Copy and paste into your browser:

[https://www.traumainformedschools.co.uk/images/Recognising\\_and\\_responding\\_to\\_Anxiety-4.pdf](https://www.traumainformedschools.co.uk/images/Recognising_and_responding_to_Anxiety-4.pdf)

## **Starting school September 2021**

If you have a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, then now is the time to apply for a place at our school for admission from September 2021 onwards. You must complete an application form that is available from the school admissions team of North Somerset Council. [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions)

If your child has been baptised and you wish to apply for our school, you must also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to the school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15 January 2021."



The closing date for reception applications is 23:59 on 15 January 2020. There are open afternoons when you can visit the school at 3pm on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> October and the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, please contact the school office if you wish to attend. These will be socially distanced open afternoons and will take place after the children have gone home. We are asking for parents only to attend these afternoons.

### **School Milk**

Children can have free school milk up until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday if you would like your child to have milk after this please telephone the school milk service **on 01934510950**. They will arrange for you to pay them directly and they will send us an updated list every week.

### **Free School Meals**

If your circumstances have changed or you are a new Reception parent on a low income you may be entitled to free school meals you can apply on line or come into the school office and we can help.

<https://www.gov.uk> > Childcare and parenting > Schools and education

Remember, although your child may be entitled to free Infant school meals you can also apply if you feel you are eligible as the school also get support for your child to help with support teaching, equipment, subsidy for trips, music lessons, after school clubs and school uniform.

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, **forgiving** one another, as God in Christ forgave you."  
Mark 11:25*



**God Bless  
Mrs Jackson and Mr Bath**