

## Dear Parents &amp; Carers

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## Message from Mrs Majcher

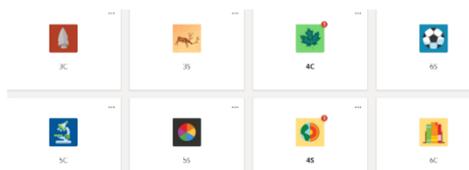
We have been back a month and the children are happy and enjoying being back with their friends and teachers. The school environment is a very precious one. Please keep up to date with all our updates and letters. I know it can be overwhelming but things change very quickly and we have to be on top of all those changes. By making those changes we are ensuring that we keep our children and staff as safe as possible. Our attendance figures are picking up again as we get over a recent bout of sore throats and colds.



## Using Teams and Classroom Notebook for home learning

Over the next week or so, all our children will start using Teams and Classroom notebook as a portal for home learning. There is a login link for Teams in the home learning hub on the school website. Your child's homework for this half term, as well as their Mathletics login, spellings and some other information will be available. The children have all been learning to access their work during computing sessions, but, particularly in the younger years, may need some help logging on. A parent information letter about how to access home learning has been sent to you this week.

In the event of a hub closure, or isolation moving forward, daily work will be posted here. Your child's teacher will let you know they have done so by SeeSaw.



## PTA Events

The PTA have been severely restricted by the virus. However, they are all as keen as ever to keep going. The cookbook idea is great, I hope you are all sending your recipes through. Also, we will have an autumn mufti day on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Minimum contributions will be £1.

## Local events

During the summer term we were due to complete some work with a local initiative called Chalk, Cherries and Chairs, a Chilterns initiative linked to local history. You may even remember completing some home learning linked to local history. The initiative is still running and has a website detailing local Chilterns event, including some in High Wycombe, for all the family. They are running a Chilterns Celebration event, and have outdoor activities and events suitable for the whole family throughout October. Perfect for our current times when the easiest place to relax is in the great outdoors. Click the link [here](#) to find out more.



## Mathletics

Mathletics had a strange start to the year since they were having problems with their website but it is now up and running and your child should have been set some Mathletics homework already.

We've already had some great engagement from the children. Here are the top classes for September:

1st -	5C	17 certificates
Joint 3rd -	4S	15 certificates
Joint 3rd -	5S	15 certificates

In the whole school 89 children were awarded a certificate. Well done to each one of them for working so hard on their maths.

### Mathletics technical issues

Mathletics have released a new version of their website, which we are aware is causing a few issues with some users, particularly those using the app. They have assured us that they are working hard to sort out these issues and they hope that the work will be completed by mid-October. It is possible to access all parts of Mathletics through a web browser like Chrome or Safari. There is a link to Mathletics in your child's Classroom Notebook folder and in the home learning hub on the school website.

### Communication with school

Thank you for being so understanding about our current arrangements at school relating to parents not coming onto site. Please remember that your child's class teacher may not see a SeeSaw message sent in the morning immediately prior to the start of school, so, if you have a late message to convey, this is best done through an email or phone call to the office. Our office staff will be pleased to make sure the message gets to the class teacher.

We would also like to thank all those who took part in the wellbeing conversations this week. It has been wonderful to be able to talk in more depth to all our families at a time when normal contact is a little trickier. Please remember that you can always contact your child's class teacher via SeeSaw if you have queries at any point.



### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Mufti Day	All day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Children break up for half term	Usual staggered leave times
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Children return to School	Usual staggered start times
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	11+ Practice Test	Morning
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	11+ Transfer Test	Morning

## Autumn is here

With cool temperatures being the order of the day, a gentle reminder that children can wear a base layer under their uniform. That is a vest, t-shirt or the like. Windows and doors will continue to be kept open to maximise airflow and stave off the spread of the virus, in line with guidance from the Government. We will continue to review this in line with guidance as we move closer to winter.



## Hot Dinners Return

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October heralds the return of the 'hot dinner'. We welcome this return and hope that you can continue to take advantage of this service. We were the only school who requested hot dinners in September, however, this was not echoed by other schools so was not viable. Well now it is!

