

## Dear Parents & Carers

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### Message from Mrs Majcher

It was fantastic to see all the children return to school last week. A very warm welcome to our new children and families. We have had a very positive start with only 4 children absent on the first day back. The children returned in their lovely uniforms and have been a delight for the teachers. The drop offs and pick ups are becoming smoother too! Please bear with us during this initial period as everyone gets used to the new way of doing things. Mr Pearce painted the Year 6 classes over the summer holiday so now all the classrooms have been repainted and look great.

### Welcome

We welcome Mrs Douglas, our Family Support Worker, Mrs Billcliff a TA and Mrs Sawicka our in-school cleaner to our school. They are enjoying working with us.

### Stay Safe

Please stay on the pavement when entering and exiting our site. With start and finish times spread out this means that more children and parents are on the site when taxis, staff and nursery parents are coming onto the site. Our site is a very busy place so please take extra care. We would also remind you that parents are not allowed to park in site, even when dropping or collecting from Our Time provision.

### New measures in place

The additional sinks have been a blessing. They have radically reduced the queuing for handwashing thus enabling more time for learning. Mrs Sawicka, our new cleaner, is ensuring that all the high-risk areas such as door handles, etc are being wiped during the day, so keeping germs at bay on a constant basis.

### Well-being Catch-ups

During the week of 21<sup>st</sup> September, teachers will be catching up with parents/carers to hear how the last 6 months have gone. More details to come.

### Our Time Club

Mrs Jean Cameron has worked incredibly hard to enable the new breakfast and after school provision to be up and running from the first day back last week, as we are unable to use different settings at this time. Normally this takes 6 months to set up. This is only a temporary measure; however, I know it has been very much welcomed by our parents. The staff have settled in very easily and the children are benefitting from an excellent provision on our site.

### Sibling Care

Just a reminder that we will look after siblings whose start or finish times are different. Please do take advantage of this provision.

### Bags

We are aware that there has been some confusion surrounding whether or not the children should use a bag to bring in their possessions. We would like the children to bring in as little as possible during these uncertain times but appreciate feedback from parents that with a lunchbox, a water bottle and a reading wallet a bag is needed. If you feel your child needs to use a rucksack, please may we request that it is as small as possible as this will ensure the cloakroom areas to allow for the regular cleaning to be carried out?

### Staff Update

Congratulations to Miss Kaca who became engaged during the summer holidays. The wedding will take place next summer.

## No dogs allowed

Just a gentle reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site in any way carried or on a lead.

## Big Cat Books

All children have been given a Big Cat book to read already. However, we are desperately short of these fantastic Big Cat books at the moment. Please have a good look round to see if there are any at home. Your children need them.

## Seesaw App

Please ensure you are using Seesaw to communicate with your child's teacher. It is very easy to download and is free. Teachers can upload children's work for you to see and you can leave messages for the teachers. It has worked really well! If you haven't yet connected, please let your teacher know.

## Our PTA

Our PTA are currently looking for a treasurer. If you would like to help please get in touch, their email address is [carringtonpta@gmail.com](mailto:carringtonpta@gmail.com)

## Our Diamond Courtyard Garden

This was completed last term and the plants have really grown over the summer. Mrs Webb will be planting lots of bulbs, with snowdrops around the cherry tree as was the tradition in the village, to keep us cheerful during the winter months. If you would like to donate some miniature bulbs, we would be very grateful.



## Volunteer Contributions

Just a gentle reminder regarding Volunteer funds. Additional financial support would enable us to put in place lots of things that would make your children have a better time at school. Any support you are able to make is most welcome, but I suggest a payment of £5 per child, per term. Payments would be set up through our cashless system for the amount you are able to contribute, to be paid near the start of each term. As always, thank you for your support. Thank you to all the Year 3 parents/carers who have already contributed. Please see attached letter.

## PE Kits

If children have had a PE lesson in the afternoon, they will be going home in it. They will take their uniforms home. This will speed up home times.

## Protocol for Suspected Cases of Covid-19

We have written this for your information following updated guidance. Please take the time to read it carefully. We have already had a number of children with Covid-19 symptoms who have been advised to be tested. We are not living in normal times. It is important that we all follow these procedures correctly and willingly to ensure the health and safety of our school community. Please help us to keep the classes/school open as much as possible by getting your child tested as quickly as possible and follow these protocols so that your children can have the best learning opportunities.

## Dates for your diary

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September | Individual School photos        | Morning                     |
| 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                     |