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**Newsletter 1
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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! It has been so lovely to see all of our children return to school this week and I am sure it has been a relief for many of you! I am pleased to report that things have run really smoothly and all measures that we have put in place have been effective. We are obviously constantly reviewing our protocols and procedures and will continue to keep you informed regularly.

All children have returned with a big smile on their faces and have already been working really hard in class. They have adapted to the challenges exceptionally well and we are very proud of them all.

I would also like to thank you all for your patience and support adapting to the new rules and routines. Inevitably we won't get everything right straight away but aim to work closely with you to ensure things continue to run as smoothly as possible.

As you can imagine we are unable to fully return to normal operations, meaning that there will be a limit on the extra curricular activities we will be able to offer at this time. We are currently not permitted to run whole group singing and assemblies, meaning that choir cannot take place during the Autumn term. Sadly this also means that, at this stage, it is unlikely that we will be able to hold any class assemblies in school or any Christmas performances. Our after school activities are also limited and will be run based on our bubble systems.

As you are aware there have been a few staff changes recently. We welcome Miss Todd onto our teaching team in Y2 and the return of Mrs Long in Y3. We also have some new additions to our wrap around provision: Miss Davidson will be joining our Breakfast Club and Mrs Bacon our After School Club team. We are very excited to have them on board!

News

Return of our Eco Project

Next week will see the return of our eco project! Paul Mordue will begin working in school again on Tuesday afternoons. For the first half of the Autumn term he will be working with Y3.

PTA Meeting

The next PTFA meeting will take place, via zoom on 9th September. If you would like to attend or share any suggestions then please contact a member of the PTFA for more information. Further details can be found on the PTFA Facebook page.

Our updated COVID19 risk assessment is now on our school website. This is a working document and will be updated regularly as guidelines change.

Information

Extra Curricular Activities

During the Autumn term the following extra curricular activities can take place:

Sport Plus - Monday and Friday (Y1 and Y4 Monday, Y2 and Y3 Friday). If you would like your child to take part please contact Craig Little.

Contact - sportsplusholidaycamps@gmail.com or 07742507911
website www.sportsplusclubs.co.uk

Karate - Tuesday. If you would like your child to take part please contact Peter Atkinson on 07912 533 164

Eco club - Tuesday with Paul Mordue (beginning w/c 14th September). Further information will follow.

Multi Skills - Thursday with NUFC (beginning w/c 14th September). Further information will follow.

Music Tuition

There have been further updates from the DFE on music tuition in schools. This now means that our pocket trumpet lessons can take place in Y4 during the Autumn term. Lessons will be held with group sizes of 15 and below, and will be held in our school hall. Small group and individual lessons can also take place. We will send out further information on this next week.

Next week sees the beginning of Rocksteady for those who have signed up to it. If you are interested in your child taking part then you can find further information at rocksteadymusicschool.com or can email them at schools@rocksteadymusicschool.com

School Curriculum

As we return to school we know that children have had different experiences of home learning for many different reasons. During the first few weeks of the Autumn term we will be working hard to baseline our children and identify any gaps in learning across reading, writing and maths. This will then inform both our planning and intervention strategy going forward.

We have introduced a 2 week rolling curriculum to allow more time for the core subjects of reading,

writing and maths but also to enable us to provide a broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum, including more emphasis on outdoor learning.

You will receive the topic webs for your child's class this week so that you can see what your child will be learning and information about our curriculum can be found on our website.

Fruit delivery for Early Years and KS1

Unfortunately our fruit delivery has been delayed and will not be ready until Thursday of next week. Please can you send in a piece of fruit for a snack for your child from Monday to Thursday next week.

Wrap Around

Our wrap around begins again on Monday. Our groups and staffing are now set for the term and any changes to the bookings made must be emailed to us with a 1 month notice period.

There are still some spaces in Breakfast and After School Club so please contact the school office for more information if required.

Reminders

Head Lice

One thing we definitely haven't missed is the dreaded head lice. Inevitably as children return to school we could see the return of this little pest! In order to try to control this please can we ask that all children with long hair tie their hair up for school and please can you regularly check your child's hair. If you do find head lice let the office know as soon as possible so that we can inform the other parents. If we spot head lice in school then we will ask that you collect your child to treat their hair. Thank you for your support with this.

Hand Sanitizing

In order for us to get the children into school quickly in the morning please can you support your child to sanitize their hands before they line up. Thank you.

PE Kit

If you haven't already done so then please remember to bring a PE kit into school next week as our PE lessons will be beginning again.

Face masks

We are asking that all visitors wear a facemask when entering the school building.

Packed Lunches

Please can we remind parents that nut based products are not permitted in school as we have some children with severe nut allergies.

School Calendar

7th September	Wrap around begins
7th September	Sports Plus after school club begins
8th September	Wild About Adventure Eco Project begins

10th September	NUFC sports coaching begins
11th September	Rocksteady music tuition begins
22nd October	Half term begins
23rd October	Teacher training day

Best wishes.

S Gibbon
Headteacher

