



## General Information Newsletter 2019-2020

### Staffing News.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Vicky Mather to our staff team. Mrs Mather will be joining the Year One team in September and we look forward to working with her in the new term.

Unfortunately we are saying goodbye to two of our MDSA team this term. Sue Gimple and Tracy Kelebek will both be leaving our team and we would like to sincerely thank them for all their dedication and hard work during their time with us and wish them all the best for the future.

### Classes for 2020-21.

A separate letter has been sent out today outlining the new classes for September and the transition arrangements for this year. We hope to be able to arrange an opportunity for the children to say a proper goodbye to their staff team from this year in September, as unfortunately this will not be possible for all children before the summer.

### Reports.

Reports for the academic year will be sent out during the week beginning Monday 6th July.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all continuing to keep safe and well. It has been lovely to welcome more children back to school over the past couple of weeks but we really miss all our children who are unable to return at the current time and we are looking forward to seeing them as soon as possible. You will be aware that the government have announced the intention for all children to return to school in September and we are awaiting guidance to enable us to start planning towards this in as safe a way as possible. We will keep you informed of our plans as these are confirmed and will update you during the summer if there are any necessary alterations to these plans due to the local pandemic situation.

We have continued to enjoy hearing from many of our children and families over the lockdown period and many of you have sent in messages and photos of the learning and activities the children have been enjoying during this time. Please remember you are very welcome to contact us and your child's class teachers to share what the children have been doing and also to share any concerns or worries you may have.

In order to help us further enhance communication between home and school we are introducing the popular ClassDojo system which is a web-based platform for sharing information, learning and success with parents. Staff have met this week to look at the various ways this platform can be used and will be trialling this over the next few weeks before introducing it fully in September. Please could I urge you to sign up to this platform. Key Stage 2 parents have already had a letter and sign up instructions sent out. If you need these re-sent please contact the office and let them know. Key Stage 1 access is currently being set up and parents will receive a letter very shortly.

The last few months have been an extremely challenging time for everyone and we have all had to adapt to huge changes in the way we live our lives. Children and adults have had to adapt to home learning whilst schools have been partially closed to many children and this has been challenging in many ways. We have continued to provide a range of home learning activities and links to web-based learning platforms such as White Rose and Oak Academy and we are continuing to look at how we can adapt our future provision if it were necessary to close schools again in the future. In order to help us to understand what has worked well and areas for future development we will be sending out a short questionnaire next week. We would be very grateful if you could return this to help us continue to enhance our provision should home learning be required again in the future. We are very grateful for your continued understanding and support during this time.

Kind regards, Chris Davey.

### School Term Dates.

Please find attached to this letter the Term dates for the 2020/21 academic year. The school is due to re-open for the new school year on Monday 7th September 2020. Further details will be sent to you as soon as the return to school is confirmed.