



Our Vision: Every child, every day, to thrive and learn

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2020	
Half term	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October 2020
Term finishes	Friday 18 th December 2020
Spring term 2020	
Term begins	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Half term	Monday 15 th February 2021 – Friday 19 th February 2021
Term finishes	Thursday 1 st April 2021
Summer term 2021	
Term begins	Monday 19 th April 2021
May bank holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2021 (School closed to pupils)
Half term	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2021
Term finishes	Tuesday 20 th July 2021
Staff Training days	Monday 16 th November 2020
School is closed to pupils	Monday 4 th January 2021 Wednesday 21 st July 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

I hope you have had a good week.

I am sure you are all aware that both nationally and locally there has been an increase in confirmed coronavirus cases. Fortunately, we have not had any confirmed cases yet, but all schools are being told to prepare in the event of this happening.

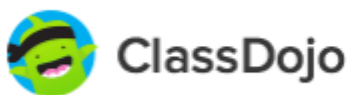
A couple of updates about our risk assessment to keep you informed of how we are responding and how you can support too:

- Focus continues to be on remaining in **class bubbles** and **reducing interchange** across the school
- The message from Public Health is that the **greatest risk of spreading the virus is adult to adult transmission** - all adult visitors on site should wear a mask and maintain the 2 metre social distance where possible, most importantly when they are with other adults (e.g. when attending annual reviews)
- **Regular hand sanitising/washing** is the best preventative measure
- **Testing** - we know there has been a national issue with testing, but hopefully this will become more accessible in the coming weeks. We do have some home test kits for staff/pupils and I have ordered more but not sure when these will arrive
- Please be extra vigilant of social distancing in the car park when dropping off and picking up your children

Thank you for your continued understanding and support. To reassure, we are constantly reviewing our risk assessment and responding to the ever-changing picture.

Best wishes

Nick



Evergreen DOJO is all set up!

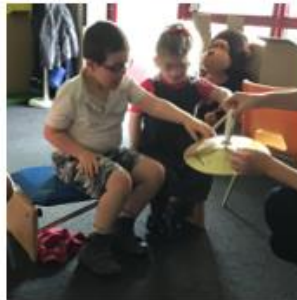
Thank you for your patience whilst we have been setting the new dojo up. We have sent out invitations, via email, to all parents. All you need to do is download the app on your phone and login. If you need the invitation resent please inform your teacher, who will be more than happy to help. Gentle reminder: if your child is unwell and not able to attend school please inform the school office rather than messaging via dojo.

Spotlight on Butterfly Group



Classroom Door

Butterfly Group have been settling back into school life and are happily exploring lots of activities and experiences linked to our book theme of 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. The children have been painting a big dragon cut-out for their display, making prince, princess hats, and shields; and they are loving the sensory story. Here's a few photographs of them...



Respite support for families

If you are interested in respite help to support your child, you can contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) to request a social care assessment. They will contact you to assess your family needs and the ways they can support you, including respite care. You can call Warwickshire MASH on **01926 414144**. Lines are open from: Monday to Thursday: 8:30am – 5:30pm, Friday: 8:30am – 5:00pm or email on mash@warwickshire.gov.uk

Respite help can be a positive way to support your child's ongoing development and access to the community, particularly as they get older, enabling them to attend peer activities as other children of their age do. There are lots of families who have accessed these services and benefitted, so please contact them to see if they can support you.

Harvest

Festival Celebrations & Non-Perishable Food Donations

Next week in school we will be celebrating Harvest Festival in our class bubbles. All week we will have a box at the separate school entrances where we will be collecting food for the food bank. May I ask that you contribute a tin or packet of non-perishable food so that we can help those who are struggling to feed their family. Some of the older pupils will then deliver the food to the food bank.

Curriculum in Action

We have already come to the end of our third week back at school - where has the time gone? The pupils and staff are all looking so happy to be, nearly, back to normal! The whole school theme of 'Let's Travel' is a bit tricky to do when we are delivering the curriculum under strict Covid risk assessment procedures. Unsurprisingly, I have been delighted to see the creative and fun activities the teachers have planned for this half term, even with the 'travel' limitations. The younger children are learning through sensory stories such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' & 'The Train Ride' whilst some of the older children are creating 'Time Machines', learning about 'The Universe' and 'Travelling through the decades' from 1950s onwards, focusing on fashion, food and music. Watch out for some lovely photographs on DOJO.

Monitoring Teaching, Learning & Assessment

As a leadership team we are passionate in ensuring each child has the best possible learning experience, each and every day. The leadership team have regularly dropped into classes (albeit socially distanced) and this is something we will continue to do, providing support for the teachers and assuring the best possible outcomes for pupils. Next week we will be training all teaching assistants in the MAPP assessment system, so all staff can support them in using the personalised planning and assessment system. We would love to hear about any 'wow' moments at home so we can celebrate each small step towards successful adulthood together.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe

Jane Hatwell, Deputy Head Teacher

Diarrhoea and Vomiting

Diarrhoea and vomiting are common in children, this is often caused by a stomach bug and should stop in a few days.

If your child is suffering with either diarrhoea and vomiting together or separately please follow the advice below:

Do

- **Keep your child at home, they should get plenty of rest**
- **Encourage lots of fluids to avoid dehydration**
- **Eat, if they feel able to**
- **Give paracetamol if in pain/discomfort – check the leaflet or bottle for doses before giving to your child**

Don't

- **Do not give your child fruit juice or fizzy drinks, this can make diarrhoea worse**
- **Do not give children under 12 medicine to stop diarrhoea**

IMPORTANT

If your child is suffering with diarrhoea and vomiting they must stay off school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 48 hrs since the last episode.

If your child also has a temperature alongside diarrhoea and vomiting they must have a COVID test.

If you need to speak to someone at school on this matter please call the school nurse for further advice and guidance.