

19th October 2020



Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the first half term of the new academic year, I would like to say well done to all the children as they commenced/returned to school – they have settled so well, enjoyed being in school and made positive progress this half term. I would also like to thank all the staff for their hard work and to all our families for their support.

Our current Learning Adventure, 'Amazing Animal Adventures', comes to an end this week, with the children taking part in a range of finale activities to review and celebrate their learning from across the project. It has been lovely to see the engagement of the children during the course of the Learning Adventure and we look forward to sharing our new Learning Adventure with you after the half term break.

Parent Teacher Consultations

A reminder that this week our Parent Teacher Consultations are being held on Tuesday 20th October, Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October. Please make a telephone appointment using the online electronic booking system. Each telephone appointment will be allocated a 10 minute slot. There will be approximately a short gap between appointments to enable staff to ring the next person. Staff will endeavour to keep to time and ring you as close to your time slot as possible. This is an opportunity for you to discuss how your child has settled back to/commenced school and to discuss their progress this half term with their class teacher/s. Our teaching team look forward to talking to you soon.

Year 2 Phonic Screening Check

Children in Year 1 usually complete the national phonic screening check in June, however, this was cancelled due to the national closure of schools. Schools have been advised that Year 2 children will now be required to complete the Phonic Screening Check during the second half of the autumn term. Our Year 2 teaching team are continuing to consolidate and develop the Year 2 children phonic skills in preparation for the assessment later in the autumn term. In the last academic year, we held phonic information sessions and shared a wide range of resources with parents. The Year 2 team will send some further information in due course. We would appreciate it if you could continue to support your children with regular reading and to practise their phonic skills and knowledge.

Flu Immunisation

A reminder that on Tuesday 17th November, after the half term break, all children are able to have the nasal flu vaccination at school. You will need to have completed the online consent form if you wish your child to have the flu vaccination. Please complete the online form at least two working days prior to the date of the session at school to ensure that the nursing team have time to check the form and contact you if there are any queries. The nursing team will be wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) for the immunisation session as per the guidelines from Public Health England. Please see separate information sent last week for further details.

Staggered Drop off and Collection

We would appreciate it if everyone continues to keep to the school's new staggered system for school drop off and collection times, including the use of the one-way system on the playground, maintaining appropriate social distancing and ensuring only one person accompanies your child to school. If you have any messages for your child's teacher, please contact them via the school office email, rather than relaying messages on the door in the morning - this will help to ensure that the staggered timings work effectively. Your support and cooperation is appreciated.

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School Office and Messages for Staff

A reminder that the school office is only partially open to parents and visitors and we ask that you refrain from visiting the school office wherever this can be avoided. In the first instance, we request that all communications are made via email or phone to the school office, including any messages for your child's teacher. A telephone appointment to speak with a member of staff will be made for you if necessary. If you need to visit the school office for essential reasons [or if agreed with a member of the school office], the entrance area has been marked with physical/social distancing demarcations and there is a taped line by the office window to ensure the appropriate social/physical distance is in place. In the office foyer, there are two boxes/containers, one for paperwork, such as, letters/permission slips, and one for objects/parcels. Entrance to other areas of the school will not be permitted, unless by prior agreement/appointment. We would be grateful if you could wear a face mask /covering when visiting the school office, unless you have a medical exemption.

Coronavirus [Covid-19] Guidance [Please see separate letter for more detailed information.]

Please remember that if your child or any member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus infection [COVID-19], **however mild**, you will all need to stay at home for 14 days from when the symptoms started. The most common symptoms of coronavirus [COVID-19] are:

- **High temperature [feels hot to touch on the back or chest – a temperature of 37.6 degrees and above]**
- **New continuous cough [this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)]**
- **Loss or change to your normal sense of smell or taste [anosmia]**

More detail of the symptoms can be found: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If your child appears to present with any of these symptoms when they are in school, we will contact you and you will be advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#).

You can seek further medical advice from NHS 111 and you can also use the Department for Education coronavirus helpline, which is available to answer questions about COVID-19 on T: 0800 046 8687. The helpline is open between 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday) and 10am to 4pm (Saturday to Sunday).

You will need to be able to collect your child if we are unable to look after them safely due to staff absence, or there is a suspected/confirmed case.

The school will continue to keep you updated as the situation develops or changes and more information is available. We appreciate your support in helping us to sustain the safety and wellbeing of our whole school community.

Finally

A reminder that on Friday 23rd October there will be a staff training day and that the half term break commences on Monday 26th October. I hope you have a lovely half term break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher