



November 9th 2020



Welcome Back

It was definitely a wet one! Hopefully, some of you have managed to get some fresh air and enjoy the beautiful colours which are around at this time of year. Following the government announcements last week, we now find ourselves in another lockdown. We are as ever, working hard to keep our staff and children safe at this time and have made a few changes:

- You may notice the staff wearing masks or visors more frequently in school, especially when working closely with the children.
- We continue to speak to the children about safe distances and washing hands regularly.
- Children with hand cream are now keeping their cream in their own trays.
- For the time being, we will not be having any additional adults (this means volunteers, music teachers etc) in school unless absolutely necessary for the wellbeing of children.
- There will be no after school sports clubs until after December 2nd (depending on government guidance).
- Children may wear masks during lessons if you would prefer them to, providing they are able to refrain from fiddling with them and can keep them on. If you provide a mask for your child, please could you talk to them about the safe use of masks. They will also need a small bag or a tub to put their mask in whilst they are outside playing and having dinner.

Please help us...

- protect our office staff, by standing behind the blue line in the entrance area and wearing a mask when entering the building.
- continue to maintain social distance around the school gate when children are entering and leaving the site.

Anti-Bullying Week - Monday 16th November - 20th November

All Unique - All Different

November 16th - Odd socks day. The children can wear odd socks to school on Monday.



Tapestry

We now have tapestry accounts for the year 1 and 2 children. An email will be sent to your email address shortly and you will be able to accept the invite. Once the majority of parents / carers are set up on tapestry, staff will start to use tapestry as part of their ongoing correspondence.

2-minute silence

We will still have a 2-minute silence on the playground on the 11th and will continue to learn about Remembrance Day in school and will be making poppies in class.

Warm clothes

We continue to ventilate classrooms by opening windows and doors. Children can wear extra layers to help keep them warm as the weather gets colder.

Staffing

Staff absence - We continue to have some staff illness and some staff currently shielding. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff who have pulled together, supported each other, worked many additional hours and ensured continuity in the education for our children. This has meant that we have been able to minimise additional adults coming into school.

Maternity leave - Miss Illingworth will be working from home from Monday 23rd November until her maternity leave starts. Miss Illingworth will teach her class via Teams and there will be a member of teaching staff in school teaching alongside Miss Illingworth. In January, I will teach in Miss Illingworth's class and Miss Illingworth will support individuals and small groups virtually.

Reception - Mrs Rodenby has done an amazing job teaching in reception whilst I have been Acting Head. In January, Mrs Rodenby is going to remain as part of that team and continue to teach the children for the rest of the academic year.

Mrs Burns - On November 17th, we will welcome a new member of staff to our team. Mrs Burns is a wellbeing support worker and will be working with staff, children and families. She will be running our School Council, supporting Positive Play, running our year 5 / 6 Rainbow Room and various other initiatives which will help children with their learning.

Mrs Peach - Mrs Peach will be joining us as the new Head Teacher in January.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or the school office if there is anything we can do to help with your child's learning or well being.

Very many thanks for your continued support
Mrs Nicholson