

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2020



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Welcome Back!



It was so lovely to welcome you all back to school once again. The school feels alive and happy with lots of smiley faces. Thank you all for carefully following the 'Pinch Point' timetable requirements it makes everything run so smoothly, I know it is strange but we all appreciate it in school. I am sure things will be a little bit different for a while but I will do my best to keep you up to date with everything. We will still be holding our worships and special things in school and the staff will send out pictures or videos, where appropriate throughout the term or I will send them via the newsletter. Could I please ask that when picking up children from the Class 2 zone at the front of the school parents move completely into the garden area so there are no gatherings by the gate outside Class 2 thank you. In the meantime please remember if you have any worries or questions make contact through the office via email or phone and I will try to resolve any queries.

Time Capsule

The children in school have watched their Time Capsule being put into the ground. They had the opportunity to see what was in it and discuss how they will one day be part of the history of COVID. People of the future will discover letters, drawings, plastic gloves, face masks and even 'lockdown recipes' inside it!



After School Club dates for term 1

No clubs running at this time

Future Dates/Notifications

22/10/20 INSET DAY
23/10/20 INSET DAY
23/10/20 End of Term 1
02/11/20 Term 2 Starts

Painting

A huge thank you to all of the following parents who came to paint the woodwork outside the school over the summer holidays. Rachel Hoarau organised a great working party!

Daniel Hoarau
Sam Butler
Lee Butler (pressure washing)
Kathryn Tibbles
Mark Tibbles
Emily Tibbles
Jess Rayson
Vikki Pearce
Dave Longshaw
Dan Longshaw
Jenny Litchfield
Claire Van Gils
Jenny Street
Cath Davies
Kathryn Witney
Helen Davies
Chris Davies
Sandra Jackson
Alanna Dring
Emily Davies
Amanda Salisbury
Hayley Hall

It has made our school look amazing for the children returning. Thank you!



Coronavirus Testing

I know already some of you have had occasion to use the Coronavirus testing opportunities. I also understand some of you have been experiencing difficulties accessing the testing. This is the latest link about testing that has been sent out by the government:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested?utm_source=8ec3ba7b-ee7e-4c14-ac21-b77b86abcb55&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily#essential-workers

Year 6 have been awarded their ties! They were so excited to receive their ties during celebration assembly on Friday in Class3. They looked so smart and very proud.



Catch Up Club

Please remember Catch up club starts on Wednesday 23rd September for years 1-6. Check your pinch point time table for pick up times. This club does not include Reception children.

Honours List

Each week, awards for children's achievement will be presented in Celebration Assembly. We will also recognise children who have demonstrated our value for each term in the everyday life of our school - our value for Term 1 is 'respect'.



Award winners for w/c 1st September - 11th September 2020

Achievement:

Reception - All of reception for a great 1st week in school.

Class 1 - Ben for amazing confidence in reading. Betsy for super effort and consistent perseverance in all lessons.

Class 2 - All of class 2 for a great start! Alex N for his interesting similes in English.

Class 3 - All of class 3 for a fantastic start to the new school year. Amber & Sophie for their use of similes in their animal description.

Values:

Reception - Clara.

Class 1 - Joshua, Gretel.

Class 2 - Orla, Imogen.

Class 3 - Lilly & Millie, Eden & Lacey.

Annual Data Collection Forms - Sept 2020

If any details have changed for example address, allergies, home/mobile telephone numbers etc please remember to notify us so we can amend our records accordingly. We will not be sending these forms home for you to check so please update us as and when anything changes.

Black Pepper School Lunches

Our lunch provider Black Pepper is only providing packed lunches at the moment. If you would like to order a packed lunch please order at least 48hours before the due day.

Pebbles

Reception class added their very own special pebbles to our Spiritual Garden, they learnt that they would be there for as long as they are in school. This is a symbol of joining our school community and they will take them with them when they leave in Year 6 or sooner, if they leave us before then.



Face coverings

As we are working so hard in school to keep COVID-19 away from everyone can I please make a request that from Monday 14th September that when you come onto the premises to pick up or drop off your children that you wear a face mask? 'Following these simple steps could make a significant difference in reducing the transmission of COVID-19 and help protect you and your friends, colleagues and family from the virus'. Transmission of the virus is most likely to happen within 2 meters, with risk increasing exponentially at shorter distances. Face coverings reduce the dispersion of these droplets, meaning if you're carrying the virus you're less likely to spread it when you exhale. As it is tempting to talk to one another when you pick up your children, wearing a face covering can only add to our layer of reducing risk whilst you are on the school premises. I understand those of you who have an exemption will of course not be wearing one and will not be required to wear one. Thank you for your co-operation with this request.



Arts Award

Arts Award is managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England. You might remember your child coming home and telling you about the lovely art they were doing in the spring time, also the pottery day and the drama day with Tewkesbury library focusing on *The Tempest*. All of this work was part of the Arts Award Discover that every child in school took part in. The work involved different art activities, music, drama and then a culmination of a portfolio that I submitted on behalf of school. The work was moderated and assessed by a representative of the Arts Council and our entries were successful. It is very exciting to say that all children, including those who left year 6 have been awarded the Trinity College certificate. It is an award they can build on later at any time and something that can eventually lead to a Gold Arts Award qualification working at the same standard as an A level. You may wish to pursue the next stage which is aimed at 11 year olds at a future date. In the meantime I would like to say well done to the children and staff on achieving such a prestigious award.

Congratulations to Alice who won a rosette for her fantastic achievements with her competitive horse riding in the hunter trials recently.



Unknown males

A parent has reported to me that after picking up her child from school yesterday around 3pm she saw two males hanging around the side of the road near to the park area. She did not recognise them as being people who live in the village so thought it was strange that they would be in the area of the park. They are described as male, Asian appearance, with the oldest one described as possible being in his 30s. They didn't appear to have a car. It might be perfectly innocent but this is for your information as I know many of your children use the park. I have reported it to the police.

Jayne Neveu, Head teacher

