



Newsletter September 2020

Message from Mrs. Orchard

Firstly, I want to welcome you all back to the start of the new academic year; we are all excited to have the children back in school and returning to their usual learning routines. This week, the classes settled quickly and it was like they had never been away. I posted some pictures for you because I'm sure, as parents, you were probably anxious about their return after five months.

The school has rigorous hygiene routines set up in each class to ensure adults and children remain safe. Our specific risk assessment is available should parents wish to see the information.

I must apologise for the lack of communication at the start of term. I was receiving information to forward from Central but our system of ParentPay failed and I could send no messages, which included my welcome back letter. Hopefully you all received the emails from Mrs Bridge. I have outlined the days your child has PE so you know the days and can send children in dressed for the lesson.

This year we have twelve new children starting with us in Willow class. It is lovely to welcome Primrose, Isobel R, Isobel N, Joshua, Eric, Tess, Florence, Barnaby, Reeva, Beth, Sophie and Jude.

I must also say a special welcome to Jack and Harry who have moved from the NE during the summer, and Olivia who lives in the village. The boys are in Beech and Oak class; Olivia is in Oak too.

Drop off and Pick up

Thank you for your patience with the drop off and pick up. It will get easier as the children know where to find lockers and routines are re-established. I would appreciate if you have a child in Maple or Oak that you arrive for drop off at 8.55am rather than 8:45am. Bubbles will not be allowed onto the site until their designated times. This allows the children to be in their bubble next to the lockers and into class before the next class arrives.

From next week the EYFS children can go into class at 8:45am. Drop your child at the back door to the classroom where they will be met by the class teacher. Beech class drop off remains 8:45am – enter through the main door where Mrs Bryant will support finding lockers and moving quickly into the classroom.

	Drop off	Pick up
Willow and Beech	8:45	3:10
Maple	8:55	3:15 – side gate
Oak	8:55	3:15 front door

Book returns

At the start of lockdown many children, especially those in Maple took lots of library books, dictionaries and thesaurus home. We would now like these to be returned asap as many were brand new stock that we cannot afford to replace. Please encourage your child to find the books they borrowed and return next week.

TD Days 20/21

September 1st 2020

January 4th 2021

April 1st 2021

July 5th 2021

July 23rd 2021

Face coverings

The Trust 'strongly advises' all adults and children Y1-6 wear a face covering to and from school. However, we are mindful that not all adults and children can comply with this request. The CEO letter is on the website alongside a section of FAQ's to address your queries.

Some parents have asked if we continue to wear coverings in school. I want to reassure you once we are back inside each bubble operates independently, and no face coverings are worn unless we are serving food or dealing with medical incidents.



Birthdays

Covid restrictions mean we cannot have children bringing in cakes or other treats for their birthdays.

PE Lessons

Until further notice we are asking the children to come into school wearing their PE kit on the day they have a PE lesson. We will be having all PE lessons outside so it is essential, as the weather gets colder, that the children have appropriate clothing.

EYFS	Tuesday pm	Thursday pm
Beech	Tuesday pm	Thursday pm
Maple	Wednesday pm	Friday pm
Oak	Monday pm	Friday pm

Hot Dinners

Just a reminder that hot dinner orders are to be placed via parentpay by midnight on a Thursday for the following week. The menu is sent to the caterer first thing Friday morning and once it has gone, no other orders can be added.

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