



4th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone, thank you for your patience as we adjust to our new normal. The children have been amazing and we are so happy to see them all again. We are also delighted to welcome our new Reception children to school. Miss Farries and Mrs Carson have been very impressed with how well they have settled in so far. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for following our guidance and procedures so well and for all of your feedback.

Reminder of our new class names for this academic year

Nursery AM - NAMSeedlings	Mrs Gardener Y3 Hazel Class
Nursery PM - NPMSaplings	Mr Gibson Y3 Hawthorn Class
Miss Farries Reception Willow Class	Mr Gray Y4 Chestnut Class
Mrs Carson Reception Walnut Class	Miss Alsop Y4 Cedar Class
Miss Oxnard Y1 Pine Class	Mrs Errington Y5 Birch Class
Miss Bingley Y1 Poplar Class	Mrs Gray Y5 Beech Class
Mrs Matthews Y2 Lime Class	Mr Robertshaw Y6 Ash Class
Miss Peacock Y2 Lilac Class	Mrs Marley Y6 Apple Class

Start and finish times/Entrances and exits

We have spent a lot of time planning for a smooth return to school for all pupils. Our first opportunity to test this in full with all of our children back was on Wednesday and it went very calmly. We ask that you please stick to the allocated times and avoid arriving too early unless you have a prearranged agreement with staff. Thank you for your patience as our new systems may take longer. Please can we ask that only one family member drops off and collects to keep numbers on site to a minimum.

We have listened to parent feedback and have adjusted some start and finish times. Next week,

Reception children can now follow our free flow system and can arrive between 9.00-9.30am to the Key Stage One yard. Their finish time will now also be free flow from 2.30pm-3.00pm.

Year 3 children should be collected between 3.00pm and 3.10pm

Year 4 children can now be collected between 3.10pm - 3.20pm.

After school clubs

Any after school clubs will not be running until at least the second half term. Thank you for your patience and understanding as to why this would be extremely difficult for us to manage this half term. Playcare will continue to provide childcare after school. Please contact Margaret directly to book a place.

Swimming

We have been advised that swimming can not take place until after Christmas.





Face masks and Hand Gel

Government guidance from the Department for Education states that primary aged school children are not to wear face coverings in school. If your child wears one to travel to school please can you remove it and take it home once you drop them off. Small, individual hand gels can be brought into school if preferred but staff have large supplies of gel for their class so this is not necessary.

PE kits

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school with all items clearly labelled with their name. We will be doing PE outdoors as much as possible. As the weather turns colder, you may wish to send in a pair of jogging bottoms and a hoodie as well as a pair of outdoor trainers. PE kits can be left in school for the half term.

Birthday celebrations

Can we please ask that you refrain from sending in any cakes/sweets to be shared amongst the children if it is your child's birthday. As much as this is a generous gesture, it does not fall in line with our current procedures. Thank you

Awards

Every week we will give out the following awards. This will begin in full next week. This week we have awarded **Star of the Week**

Star of the Week which is awarded for working hard

Bright Spark which is awarded for having a growth mindset and showing determination and perseverance.

Kindness award is for showing a caring attitude towards others

Star reader is given for effort and progress in reading.

Willow	Walnut	Pine	Poplar	Lime	Lilac
All of the class	All of the class	Joshua E	River E	Logan R	Ethan H

Hazel	Hawthorn	Chestnut	Cedar	Birch	Beech	Ash	Apple
Ruby L	Freddie J	Isaac F	Jack F	All of the class	Charlie	Isla Y	Lucy M



Homework

As we mentioned last term, Year 1-6 will have online homework to limit the amount of paper moving between home and school. Each class teacher will send an email about their homework arrangements.

Reception parents will receive separate information about homework from the class teachers in due course.

School Money

Later this term we will move to a cashless system for the school office. More details will follow soon. A reminder that school lunches cost £2.10 per day and can be made payable by cash or cheque.

Consent Form Pack

Today you will receive a new pack of consent forms and Home/ School agreements for this year. Please fill this in and return to the class teacher. For safeguarding reasons it is important that we have the correct information on record for your child.

Mrs C Thompson and Mrs R Brunton

Acting Co-Head Teachers

