



# Newsletter

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## Full opening of School 8<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased that schools are opening fully again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are all really looking forward to welcoming you back. This has been a difficult time for everyone and everyone's experiences will be completely different. There may be anxiety about returning either because of COVID or wondering how your child will settle back in, there may be relief that you have survived the past two months and things are starting to get back to normal. It may be a real mixture of emotions, however you and your children are feeling please remember we are here to help and we will support you in any way we can.

Some people have been anxious about their child's missed learning, please don't be. We will be putting into place lots of different things to begin recovering the skills that children either have not gained yet or that are not quite embedded. This will be a long process and the curriculum for the children will be a bit different to normal for the next year at least.

If you are worried, please do come and talk to us.

Matt Greenhalgh

## Upcoming Events

**5 March 2021**

World Book Day – Make a Story jar

**8 March 2021**

All children back into school

**19 March 2021**

Comic Relief – Dress up as a Superhero

**30 March 2021**

4-7pm Parents Evening

**31 March 2021**

4-6pm Parents Evening

**1 April 2021**

End of Term

**2-16 April 2021**

Easter Holidays

**19 April 2021**

Start of Term

**3 May 2021**

Bank Holiday

**17 May 2021**

Year R Farm visiting

**20 May 2021**

Class Photos

**27 May 2021**

End of Term

**28 May 2021**

Staff Training Day

## Timings for the start and end of the School day

To ensure that we have the least amount of people on site as possible each year group will again have a slightly different start and finish time. Please also ensure that **only one parent** is on the school site at any one time to limit the number of people mixing.

**Year R - Start at 8:40am and end at 3:10pm**

**Year 1 - Start at 8:45am and end at 3:15pm**

**Year 2 - Start at 8:50am and end at 3:20pm**

***Please ensure that all parents are wearing masks when on school site at the start and end of the day.***

## School COVID procedures

The procedures that we employed as a school are completely based on the Governments guidance, they will remain the same as before Christmas.

**Handwashing** - Children will have to wash their hands when they come into school, after playtime and before eating as a minimum. Some children have been getting sore hands at times, in most instances this is due to them not quite drying them well enough. If your child's hands are getting sore, please talk to us and also encourage them to dry their hands fully.

**Bubbles** - Children will be in Year group sized bubbles. The children will spend the majority of the time in their own class, however, some will mix for Phonics and they will mix at playtime. Children from different Year groups will not mix at all while they are in school.

**Ventilation** - We are still maintaining good ventilation by having doors and windows open as much as possible. As the weather improves this will not be a big issue but if we have another cold spell we will balance the need for ventilation with the need to ensure children are working in an acceptable temperature.

**Testing** - All staff in school are testing themselves twice a week to ensure that they are not carrying and spreading the virus. There are currently no plans that we are aware of for the testing of Infant school children.

### Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs

Both Breakfast and Afterschool Club are fully open. If you would like to book your child in, please speak to Mrs Edney at the school office, phone or email are fine if you cannot get into school.

Breakfast Club is £3.50 for the morning and Afterschool Club is £6.50 for the evening.

If your child is worried about coming back to school, then dropping them early for Breakfast Club can be a good way to help as it is a smaller, less busy environment where they can settle into the school day.

### Staffing

This term we have a fantastic final year teaching student, Miss Patten, she will be continuing to work with Year 1 in Tiger Class until Easter. We will also be having a final placement teaching student in Kangaroos from the end of March.

We are very pleased that Miss Wilson is returning to us to finish off her teaching course and she will be in Elephant Class for the majority of the rest of the year.

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss McNally, who has been working in Year 1 this year. She is moving on to other things.

## Uniform

Children will need all the normal school uniform when they come back to school again.

We do realise times are difficult and we have a lot of good second hand uniform. If you need some more uniform, please do ask either your class teacher or Mrs Edney, in the school office.

If you are having trouble getting appropriate shoes, then do not worry too much. Please do try your best as high standards of dress do make a difference to children's attitudes to work. However, do not worry if you really cannot get black school shoes at the moment.

If the weather gets colder please feel free to send in a warm fleece or an extra jumper. Please do not send children in with long sleeve t-shirts under their school polo shirt because if they get warm they cannot easily take these off.