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A message from the head.....

I hope you have all had a lovely summer holidays and managed to get some time to relax! We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back next week! I know that next week will bring a mixture of emotions both for the children, the staff and the parents, but please let me reassure you we are doing everything we can to keep your children safe. The staff have been working so hard to get the school looking exciting and stimulating for the children but first and foremost as safe as possible. We are excited to launch our new projects and hope the children will enjoy getting back to learning and being with their friends.

If your child struggles next week coming into school, please try not to worry. For so many of our children it has been 6 months since they have been in school and worries and anxieties are normal. We are ready and prepared to support the children with this. The best bit of advice I could give you is to get the children some early nights leading up to next week and to keep positive when talking about what school will be like. If you show you are worried it will rub off on the children. From the experience of the children who came back to school in June they coped so well and quickly settled back into school life – it was so fabulous to see! Perhaps over the weekend encourage your child to watch their new teacher's video again. The links are all on the final page.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week!

Denise Burgess



Start and finish times

It is absolutely essential that you arrive and pick up at the correct time next week. A reminder of the times are on the next page. The system we have put in place relies upon your support with this. We have over 500 children to get into school safely so timings are so important. **If you arrive at the wrong time you will be asked to wait until your allocated time.** Last term we had several families arriving too early! Whilst in the normal world we would like this, in the current world we live in it is not helpful and just creates a bottle neck of people trying to get in.

As well as this please can I request that you follow social distancing when on our school site. Many of our staff and parents were on the 'vulnerable' list from the government so will be nervous and anxious or may choose to wear a mask so we must support each other to keep our distance and respect others. Please find attached a map showing you where each of the classrooms are located.

Family	Start time	Finish time	Fridays
Terra	8:20am – 8:30am	2:50pm – 3:00pm	12:50pm – 1:00pm
Ventus	8:30am – 8:40am	3:00pm – 3:10pm	1:00pm – 1:10pm
Aqua	8:40am – 8:50am	3:10pm – 3:20pm	1:10pm – 1:20pm
Ignis	8:50am – 9:00am	3:20pm – 3:30pm	1:20pm – 1:30pm
Reception	8:50am – 9:00am	3:10pm – 3:20pm	1:00pm – 1:10pm
Nursery	8:45am – 9:00am	3:00pm – 3:15pm	11:45am – 12:00pm or 3:00pm – 3:15pm

Please remember children in Reception – Year 2 enter through the Early Years gate and children in Year 3 – 6 through the Greenkeepers gate. Children in Year 5 and 6 to enter alone, younger children with parents please.

Friday afternoon club

Friday afternoon club is available for parents who are not able to collect their child at lunchtime. Places are limited so please only book (on www.SCOPAY.com) if you really need it. Please note children attending afternoon club will be based in year group bubbles so will be mixing with other children – this is the only way we can make it work with our staffing. Booking for Friday afternoon club will open on **Monday 7th September (9am)**. We will only be offering homework club (and free play for Reception), unfortunately we are not able to offer sport this term.

Serena will also be running her street dance club on a Friday afternoon for children in Year 3-6. Places will be limited and booking will be done on www.SCOPAY.com.

Hot lunches

If you would like your child to have a hot lunch next week you must book their meals by Saturday. If you do not book by then you will need to provide them with a packed lunch next week instead. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be eating in the dining room and hall and children in Year 3-6 will eat in their classrooms. **All classrooms in Year 3-6 now have tables for all children to sit at, at all times.**



Reading books

We still have lots of reading books missing from the start of lockdown and we are struggling to ensure we have enough for all the children. Please can I request you have a check at home and any books from school you have send in next week so they can be cleaned and reused. Thank you!

Sweets and cakes for birthdays

Due to our current risk assessment I am afraid children are not able to bring in cakes / sweets to share out with their class when it is their birthday so please do not send any in.

Teacher introductions

Aquila class (Year 1) Mrs Rose	https://youtu.be/PFLZJ6gNraM
Pavo class (Year 1) Miss Butler	https://youtu.be/SX2uo_07yw0
Cygnus class (Year 1) Mrs Baker	https://youtu.be/GfMTiz40xhc
Volans class (Year 2) Mrs Dilley	https://youtu.be/FtjODI-OHHA
Delphinus class (Year 2) Mr White / Mrs Hardy	https://youtu.be/Kmh6UdhUgEU
Serpens class (Year 2) Miss Dix	https://youtu.be/rDy6Efd25WE
Andromeda class (Year 3) Mrs Knox	https://youtu.be/pT4cOrgNKto
Pegasus class (Year 3) Miss Day	https://youtu.be/nJfp6vg8R8c
Perseus class (Year 4) Miss Langstone	https://youtu.be/IAS7SMESyZs
Auriga class (Year 4) Mrs Plant	https://youtu.be/7uCmqhwunzE
Lyra class (Year 5) Miss Brandon	https://youtu.be/Ke2lt5wtR70
Vela class (Year 5) Mrs Winton	https://youtu.be/FLOpAD0iPn4
Lacerta class (Year 6) Mrs Swanepoel	https://youtu.be/EuoqLNMUezU
Circinus class (Year 6) Miss Bliss	https://youtu.be/GaLjZqRZDCc
Phoenix class (Year 6) Mrs Harwood-Bowles / Mrs Allen	https://youtu.be/pfo2w4L94Ys