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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome Back!

First of all, the staff would like to join me in welcoming you all back to school for the start of our Summer Term. We hope that you have all had an enjoyable Easter break and you feel relaxed and refreshed.



As you will be aware from the message sent out yesterday on the School Jotter App, Mrs Johnson (Acting Chair of Governors) informed you that Mr Hopwell is currently absent from school. This means that I will be Acting Head Teacher for the time being. Miss Long is also unwell and is also not currently at school. I have sent a letter out to the parents of children in Class R and Class 5 to explain the staffing arrangements in their respective classes. My main priority has been to ensure stability and continuity for the children in each class, continued progression in their learning and provide reassurance for parents. The solution that is now in place has been discussed at length with Mrs Johnson who fully supports the plan as an effective long-term solution.

I have to also thank the parents concerned for their understanding with this situation and the support I have received as I take on my new role in school.

As you know, all the staff are here to provide the best possible education for all the children – they are at the centre of everything we do at school. I am always available to chat on the playgrounds before and after school, so if you have concern you would like to talk about, then please come and find me.

Mr Asplin
Acting Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 11 May 2021	3.50pm - 5.50pm Parent child and teacher meeting on teams
Thursday 13 May 2021	3.50pm - 7pm Parent child and teacher meeting
Friday 14 May	Pyjamarama Book Day – more details to follow
Monday 5th July	School photos
Friday 23rd July	Last day of term for children
26 – 28 July	INSET days

Parent Meetings – Tuesday 11 May and Thursday 13 May 2021

Last term, we opened our new on-line booking system for Parents Meeting, with great success! If you have not yet booked a slot, then please do so with the details provided to you last term. If you have mis-placed these, or are having difficulty booking, then please

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get in touch with the school office, stating the day you would prefer, and we will book you in on an available slot. We will send information out nearer the meeting days, with information about how the meetings will be organised.

School Garden

As you walk around the school, you may have noticed that the raised beds are starting to look a little worse for wear. They have been in place for a number of years and they are now showing becoming unfit for purpose. However, through a generous offer with the Environment Agency, we are currently discussing how we can re-design the garden so that we keep the raised beds, but also develop it into an outdoor classroom. We will let you know how the plans evolve. If you have an idea, or indeed feel you have the skills to help in any way, then please get in contact with the school. We are hoping to transform the area within the next few weeks, so each class can really utilise the area over the summer months.



School Dinners

We have been advised from School Catering, that the cost of a school dinner will be increasing to £2.25, with effect from Thursday 29 April 2021. Follow this link to our school website for the [Summer Term 2021 Dinner Menu](#).

Recovery Curriculum

Our plans for the recovery curriculum continue to develop and adapt according to the needs of the children in each class. This is to ensure that an areas of knowledge that have been missed due to either lockdown are covered and more importantly, understood by the children. Part of these plans include the catch-up funding from the Government. The Governors have approved plans for this to focus on reading through *Reading Recovery* and *Every Child a Reader (ECAR)* programmes. These will happen in all classes over the next two terms. We also plan to help children catch up on lost learning in Maths and Writing, through quality first teaching. There will also be with further investment in continuing professional development for the staff, with the support of the Nottinghamshire Maths Hub courses.

Reading Books and Diaries

This week, we are beginning a new way of issuing reading books to all the children in school. On their designated reading book change day, the children will bring home their book(s), along with a paper reading diary – yellow this week – in a plastic pocket. This stays at home for the whole week until their next book change day the following week. On that day, they bring in their old books and yellow reading diary, which will then be quarantined for a week. They will then be issued with new books and a new (blue) reading diary for that week. As an example, for Class R:

- Week 1: Monday - New books issued with yellow paper dairy, to be kept at home for the whole week.
- Week 2: Monday – Week 1 books and yellow reading diary sent back to school for quarantine, new books and blue paper diary issued.
- Week 3: Monday – Week 2 and blue reading diary sent back to school and new books issued with the original yellow paper diary.

Your child will know which days is their book change day.

Healthy Snacks

Just as a reminder, our school policy encourages eating various types of healthy food as a snack, including fresh and dried fruit, unsweetened popcorn, carrots, sliced cucumber and peppers, along with healthy snack

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bars, but not chocolate, sweets and crisps. We suggest other types of snacks can be provided at home as a 'treat'. For children in Class R and Key Stage 1, a fruit or vegetable snack is provided by school for morning break, so you only need to provide one healthy snack for the afternoon. Please make sure it is labelled with your child's name to avoid confusion!

Class Newsletters

Next week, we will be sending out class newsletters, giving you lots of information about the learning planned for your child's class during this term.

Reminder of Procedures in Place to Minimise Risk of Transmission of COVID

Although schools are open and there is a wider opening of facilities across the country, it is still important to be aware of how we all have a part to play in reducing the transmission of COVID.

Earlier this week, there was a letter sent out on the School Jotter App from Nottinghamshire County Council about adhering to current restrictions for the safety of all.

We have been asked to remind you of the following:

- The importance of continuing to follow control measures:
 - Only meet others outdoors in a groups of six or two household – even then, keeping distance of 2 Metres apart.
 - Follow the specific rules for any shop, hairdresser, pub, restaurant or gym we visit.
 - Follow the guidance from your school or nursery around drop offs/pick-ups and wearing face coverings.
 - Encourage your family to wash their hands regularly/thoroughly, keep a safe (2m) distance from others and wear a face covering when required (including at school where recommended).
 - Anyone in your family with symptoms should get tested and ensuring the whole household self-isolates immediately.
 - If you attend or work at a school, college or nursery you can get rapid tests through your school, college or nursery.
 - Everyone over 18 can also now access asymptomatic testing via a number of routes and should continue to do this twice weekly. You can find information about this here: [Regular rapid coronavirus \(COVID-19\) tests if you do not have symptoms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health-a-z/regular-rapid-coronavirus-covid-19-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms)
 - Anyone who has tested positive or is in a household or bubble with anyone who has tested positive has a legal obligation to self-isolate for 10 days and should not be returning to school or work.



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