

2020-2021

Newsletter Number 2

10/09/2020

Week 1

A super start!

We have loved seeing children back this week and they are settling well into their new classes—they look so smart and grown up and have shown excellent attitudes to learning. Looking into our happy, busy classrooms, I would never know that many of the children have not been in school since March!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to new families who have joined us. We have been delighted to meet all of our new reception children this week and are pleased that we have been able to welcome parents into classrooms for visits too, which most schools have not allowed. Whilst this has meant a more extended transition period, I hope you will agree that it has been of huge benefit to children as well as parents and to the staff.

The new nursery children have now had their first sessions without parents and we have been so proud of their curiosity, and growing independence and confidence!

Thank you for wearing face coverings when dropping and collecting your children from school or visiting the office. This is helping to keep everyone safe.



The green gate will be opened at 8.35am for nursery parents and children only. Year 2 children should wait to be collected by their class team at 8.50am.



Year 2 using some new equipment purchased with sport premium funding.

Due to COVID, we will not be able to accept and distribute sweets and treat for children's birthdays. Sorry!

Our art week is coming up and the theme is 'Colours of the Rainbow'. More info next week.

Reading record books

Year 1 and 2 parents will be used to their child bringing home a reading record book, that parents and teachers can write in to show when the child has read a book.

We will no longer be using reading record books, so they do not have to be passed between school and home on a daily basis, which will reduce the risk of COVID transmission.

We will be recording an observation on Evidence Me when we listen to your child read in school. These will be share with you via the Evidence Me app.

Many of you successfully used Evidence Me during lockdown to share work with their teachers, so now, you can record when you read at home too!

If you haven't used Evidence Me yet, the instructions for downloading and using the app are here: <http://help.evidence.me/evidence-me-help-for-parents/>



PE Kit

For safety, we will be changing our policy on PE kits.

Children should **not** bring a PE kit into school.

Children should wear their PE kit to school, all day on PE days.

They should wear:

- Usual school polo shirt or plain white t-shirt
- Usual school jumper or cardigan
- Dark blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms
- Plimsolls or trainers

Year 2: Tuesday

Year 1: Friday

Reception will not have separate PE sessions initially and teachers will let you know when they need PE kit.

Diary dates

21st – 25th September – Art Week

Wednesday 30th September – Individual Photographs

12th – 16th October – Brewster Bake Off

Friday 16th October – Harvest Festival

26th – 30th October – Half Term