



### **Thank you**

Thank you for the very kind comments that we are receiving from so many. We are working hard to make our school as safe as possible for children, staff and parents.

We know we will have to tweak and as we improve one thing another takes our attention. Hopefully by the end of this week we will have ironed out some of the teething problems.

However, I do want to commend our staff team who have remained positive and so supportive. They are really doing all they can to settle the children, assess the learning, plan and deliver appropriate lessons to motivate and ensure good progress.

### **What is going well?**

Mornings - we have a variety of handwashing options and a new trough planned, so this means entry to school is efficient - children come into classrooms and are ready to start planned activities.

- Use of outside spaces, especially now the grass has been cut.
- The children are already beginning to make good progress.
- Lunchtime staggers have been tweaked and are working better.
- Good range of inside and outside activities.
- Great enthusiasm and the smiling faces in the classrooms.

After school is working better in general apart from a few blips when we have all or none arriving!

### **This week's tweaks**

We are going to try to shorten the evening staggers to the following times from tomorrow:

3.30pm - Reception

3.35pm - Year 1

3.40pm - Year 2

3.45pm - Year 3

3.55pm - Year 4

4.05pm - Year 5

4.10pm - Year 6

4.30pm - Last pick up

In the morning we will open the gates to avoid congestion in the top car park and ask you to proceed to the playground and park around the edge. Staff will be there from 8am to take the children from the cars. We ask you to remain in the car till the staff are able to do this to make sure we adhere to all safety regulations and our risk assessment.

### **Book Bags**

Now things can be brought to school. We need all children to bring their book bag or an equivalent into school so that their reading book, record, snack and pencil case can be kept in it. Most of the time it may well be next to them. If possessions are loose on tables, thorough cleaning cannot take place. We would like this and a packed lunch box if required to be the things to come in on a daily basis.

### **Drive with Care**

Please watch your speed driving through the village. We have been advised that there will be mobile speed cameras around the village at random times, and they will be issuing warnings for anyone caught speeding.

## **Lunch Menu**

This week we are **WEEK 3** on the menu.

## **Google Classroom**

It is really important that all children join google classroom, parents can support them doing this. We will also be teaching this at school. We will be uploading home learning activities and in the event of lockdowns or isolating, video lessons and google meets are planned. We want to make sure that we start with a high quality of support from day one.

There are some children in each class who have not accessed their new room and this means that parents may miss communication with the teacher.

## **E Safety**

We know there are children with online accounts that are intended for older children and they tell us they use them independently. Please keep your children safe by making sure they are not able to access inappropriate sites and also talk to them about who they should play any online games with if you let them do this.

If you need guidance about how to keep your children safe do look at...

UK Safer Internet Centre provides tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services.

## **Testing for Covid**

We know this term that we will have many children undergoing testing due to symptoms that could be a variety of things. Please ring and let us know if this is happening and keep siblings home until results are known. Please notify us through email or phone call with the result as soon as possible. Children can return to school that day as long as the test is negative.

We have procedures to follow should a member of our community have a positive test and we will inform you of any action we have to take depending on the advice we receive if that situation did arise. We get emails daily updating guidance.

If in any doubt do book a test so that children are not at school with symptoms that could be the virus we are all trying to avoid! Isolating and taking the right precautions will minimise risks for all.

## **Signs and Symptoms to be aware of:**

- High Temperature
- Lack of Taste and Smell
- New, Continuous Cough

## **Harvest**

We will be celebrating harvest in class bubbles and would like to support local food banks. We know this year that there will be people who may not be in a position to give to others and this is fine. Harvest Celebrations will be during the month of October and performances uploaded on google classroom.

## **Awards**

We will be giving out more badges this term that will belong to the children and can be worn. Gold cards will also be brought home. Our school awards will remain as a virtual award so will not be brought home this half term.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

We have not yet had our voting for House Captains but would like to share with you the different ways that Year 6 is running the school.

Our form prefects are going to be working with their classes virtually by reading stories through google meets. We want them to develop the really positive relationships that have existed previously so when we can open bubbles then they are well known.

We are having a few additional committees that will be virtually chaired by Year 6 this year; other children in each year group will be elected by their peers.

The Eco Committee - Mrs Cunningham

School Council - Miss Appleby

The Arts Council - Mrs James and Mr Hambly

STEM Council - Mr Crudge and Mrs Hawkings

Worship Committee - Mrs Curtis and Mrs Clark

Sports Council - Mr Arundell and Mr Summers

### **Head Girl**

Millie

### **Deputies**

Emma and Megan

### **Head Boy**

Eddie

### **Deputies**

Matthew and Isaac

### **Games Captains**

Oliver and Shiloh

### **Arts Council Chairpersons**

Jasper and Lauren

### **STEM Committee Chairpersons**

Isabella and David Br

### **Eco Committee Chairpersons**

Eliza and Daisy

### **Worship Committee**

Poppy and Megan

### **Prefects:**

Year R - William R and Lillie

Year 1 - Evie and Axel

Year 2 - Ben and Kate

Year 3 - Charlie and Poppy

Year 4 - Finley and George

Year 5 - Joe and Harry

ICT - Theo and David Bu

Office - Melody and Darcie

Farm and grounds - Zac and Lucas

### **Nasal Flu Vaccinations**

Please be aware we will be sending emails next week with information regarding this year's Nasal Flu Vaccinations which are due to take place on 18th November 2020 and will be for all year groups.