



Welcome to the new school year!

I know that we have all been really looking forward to the beginning of term and what a wonderful week it has been! We have enjoyed welcoming the Year 3 children to our school and they have been amazing. Although their introduction to junior school has been somewhat different to previous years, they have shown great independence and positivity. As parents, I hope you feel as proud of your children as we do.

The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have also settled back to school really well and throughout the school, there has been a lovely atmosphere all week. The children are trying their best to settle back into school life and the staff are busy getting to know everyone in their new classes.

Please do get in touch with us, as necessary, to keep us informed about your children so that we can continue to work in partnership with you to ensure the best possible outcomes for all of our pupils.

Curriculum Evenings

At this time of year, we normally invite all parents into school for a curriculum evening where staff share details about the year ahead. As we are unable to do this, we will be sharing the presentation (with voiceovers) for you to watch at home. There will then be an opportunity to contact the teachers for a virtual 'Question and Answer' meeting. More details will follow.

Parents' Evenings

Again, we are unable to invite parents into school for parents' evenings this half term so these meetings will also be virtual. Further details will follow but we will be using Google Classroom to hold virtual meetings at the end of this half term.

The new 'normal'

As we all get used to a new way of working at school, I would like to thank you all for your support and patience this week. Preparing for this week has been extensive and time-consuming and we have experienced a huge number of successes. While not everything has worked perfectly, the positives outweigh the difficulties and we have been working hard to solve any problems.

The children have put everything into this week and, while they won't all admit to it, they are looking very tired! Please let your children know how very pleased we are with them and I hope you all have a restful weekend.

DIARY DATES

Mon 14 th Sept	Scaffolding being erected in Upper School to repair the roof
Mon 14 th Sept	Admissions portal opens for Year 7 places for Sept 2021
Wed 16 th Sept	Guitar lessons begin
Thur 17 th Sept	Curriculum Evening presentations will be shared with parents
Thur 17 th Sept	Individual photos taken
Fri 18 th Sept	PSHE Consultation with parents begins
Mon 21 st Sept 5:30-6:30pm	Curriculum Evening Q&A virtual meeting Year 5 and Year 6 (including residential trip information for year 6)
Tues 22 nd Sept 5:30-6:30pm	Curriculum Evening Q&A virtual meeting Year 3 and Year 4
Wed 23 rd Sept	School Council Elections
Thur 24 th Sept	House Captain Elections
Mon 28 th Sept 5:30-6:30pm	PSHE Consultation Q&A virtual meeting (further details to follow)
W/b 5 th Oct	Walk to School Week
Mon 5 th Oct	Prospective parents- virtual tour and information presentation go live (for Year 3 entry Sept 2021)
Tues 13 th Oct	Virtual Parents' Evening 4:30-7:00pm
Thur 15 th Oct	Virtual Parents' Evening 3:45-5:45pm
Mon 19 th Oct	Virtual Parents' Evening 3:45-5:45pm
Fri 23 rd Oct	Close for half term holiday @ 3:25pm
Sat 31 st Oct	Closing date for Year 7 places (September 2021 admissions)
Sun 1 st Nov	Applications for Year 3 (September 2021 admissions) open
Mon 2 nd Nov	INSET DAY
Tues 3 rd Nov	School opens for Autumn 2
Tues 3 rd - Fri 6 th Nov	National Parliament Week
Thur 7 th Nov 6:00-7:00pm	Prospective parents' virtual Q&A session (for Year 3 entry Sept 2021)

Welcome back!

What to do if your child is ill

As the autumn approaches, some of the children are likely to get normal colds, sore throats and sniffles. We wouldn't normally worry too much about these but obviously, this year, everyone is very cautious.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If any member of your household has any of the symptoms above, your child must stay at home and you should arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19. Your child should stay at home until the test results are returned.

If a negative test result is received, your child can return to school right away.

If a positive test result is received, your child will need to remain at home (self-isolate) with everyone else in your family.

For other cold related symptoms such as a runny nose or sore throat, your child can come to school so long as they don't also have any of the symptoms listed above as well.

Further advice can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Happy Birthday!

Ozzy - 9 years old tomorrow

Freddie - 8 years old on Sunday

William - 9 years old on Sunday

Daniel - 9 years old on Monday

Lucas - 9 years old on Tuesday

Harriet - 11 years old on Tuesday

James - 10 years old on Thursday

Ava - 9 years old on Saturday 19th

Rutvi - 9 years old on Wednesday 23rd



Pencil Cases

Thank you to everyone who was able to make a contribution towards the cost of our new pencil cases. The children are already taking great responsibility for looking after their belongings.

A visiting health professional also commented on how 'kind and courteous' our children were when she was in our school on Tuesday.

School Photographs

The photographer will be visiting school next week to take photos of the children. We have reviewed his health and safety procedures and are happy with the arrangements which will be in place. This year, the children will stand when having their photos taken to minimise points of contact. We will also not be taking sibling photos this time.

In the summer term, the photographer will return to take class photos and we hope to be able to take sibling photos at this point.

Ordering of photos will also be different this year. This will be done online, directly with the photographer, to avoid the need for processing money in school.