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It has been great to finally have all of the year groups at our school back open and the vast majority of the children back in school – following the extended period of self-isolation over the last two weeks.

I hope that lots of our families will feel reassured that, despite having two confirmed (unrelated) coronavirus cases in school, the extra routines and hygiene systems that we have put in place, appear to have avoided any cross-infection within the school building, during the school day. *I believe the children have understood why we have implemented so many rule changes in school now too – and I am really proud of how well they are following and keeping to the rules. They are showing great maturity and respect.*

I also hope, for those year groups that have been self-isolating, that our approach to remote (home) learning has worked for you – by including some live lessons (through Google Meet) in addition to setting work via Seesaw (with paper packs available to those who have not been able to access the online learning tasks).

This is something that we will continue to refine and adapt, as the situation requires. However, all the staff involved would like to thank those parents and carers who have embraced what we have done and have encouraged their child to take an active part in all of these sessions; and to complete the activities.

Could we politely remind all adults who bring children to school or collect them at the end of the day – especially those who are required to wait on the pavement near the hall gates – to maintain social distancing by utilising the white markers; to keep themselves safe and to ensure that other people can safely walk along the pavement? Thank you!

Reroofing Update



Over the next two weeks, you will notice that more scaffolding will be erected at the front of the school. This is because the repairs to the main school roof is now almost complete – so, over half term (if not before) the scaffolding and skip from the rear of the school will be removed and the access to the school grounds will be vastly improved.

The new scaffolding is to enable the roofing team access to the hall roof – which should only take a further 4 weeks, from the beginning of the next half term, to complete.

We fully appreciate the inconvenience that having the skip, scaffolding and fencing restricting the access to the playground has had for those families who have children in The Fawns, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 – and I would like to thank you all for persevering with this. However, the repairs to the school roof have been essential due to the number of leaks and amount of water that has been penetrating the school building more and more in recent years.

The cost to the school budget has just been over £3,300 – despite the full cost of the reroofing project being over £230,000. Therefore, I would like to assure you that the impact on the school budget – and the investment we can continue to make to further improve the quality of education at our school is negligible; and the learning environment (by being dry and leak free) should be greatly enhanced by these latest improvements to our school building.

Once the scaffolding at the rear of the school is removed, we will be able to utilise the side gate and footpath once again.

The start times for the children in each year group are as follows:
8:40am – for children in Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6
8:55am – for children in Reception, The Fawns, Year 3 and Year 5
Please ensure that your child arrives on time, every day.



Mrs Sproston To Return

With Miss Eustace ready to embark on her travels around the globe at the end of this month – and take a sabbatical from teaching - I am pleased to announce that Mrs Sproston will be returning to our school, after half term, to join Miss Murphy as the second teacher in Year 3.

I would hope that by appointing somebody with Mrs Sproston's expertise and knowledge of our school and the pupils, all of the Year 3 children, parents and carers will feel reassured and confident that their children's education will not be adversely affected by this change. We are hoping that Mrs Sproston will remain as part of our teaching team until Miss Stephens returns from her maternity leave.

Miss Eustace will return as a teacher at our school in September 2021.

Our school uniform consists of:

- Black sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo)
- Yellow polo shirt (with school logo)
- Black or grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Black or grey socks
- **Black polishable shoes**
- *Yellow and white gingham dresses – with white shoes and socks – may also be worn during the summer months.*

All clothes must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please help us to ensure that every child who attends our school is READY to learn, RESPECTFUL of all of our school rules and SAFE at all times, by ensuring they wear the correct uniform for school.



If your child has long hair, it is important that this is tied up – ideally using a black or yellow bow or ribbon (to tie in with our school uniform).

