



Newsletter



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Autumn Term 2020

The New Norm!



New year, new start, new norm

Well, well, well. What a very different start to a new academic school year. We are still thinking someone will pinch us and tell us it was all a dream! It is so strange! All has gone to plan and everyone has come into school well and happy, both children and staff. We had lots of worries about how children would cope but we have to tell you, they have been absolutely fantastic and they have accepted the new way of working and they have been very respectful in helping each other keep safe.

Social distancing **Thank you**

Parents were worried about social distancing outside the school gates. As a staff, we would like to thank you all for the manner in which you have respected the new rules and considered others whilst waiting to enter and exit school. You have respected the need to social distance from other parents and staff. It is noticed and much appreciated. Thank you so much!! This has helped the restart of school and enabled us to satisfy health and safety regulations that we are ready to open fully next week.

Cleaning / Bags

Why plastic bags? It's because they can be wiped easily with the solution that we use in school that is proved to kill the coronavirus. All staff have been trained to use this solution and there are 3 'wipe downs' throughout the day. All high touch areas are wiped using the solution we have at school. Children will be handling their own bags but if there is a situation whereby items need to be wiped down, plastic bags will clean easily. Fabric bags do not have the smooth surface for effective cleaning.

Breakfast club

This will start on Sept 28th. More information to follow. The local authority is working with schools to help ensure they are able to open safely.

Lunch arrangements!! Please note

Starts next week

- No money accepted in school sorry
- School lunch menu will be text out when it changes
- Complete the text form - packed lunch or school lunch? We are not allowed to help out if you forget sorry.
- Lunch eaten in class bubbles
- School lunch? We suggest you still provide two bottles of water for the day, just in case.

Next Week

Next week we have all classes in school. Start times will remain the same as what we have practised over the last two weeks. If you arrive at school and you can see that there are lots of parents outside the gates, please do not worry about your child being a few minutes late. It is more important to us that we keep everyone safe and socially distanced. We would rather you wait until there is enough space to safely drop your child to school. We will monitor the situation to ensure we keep all our families as safe as possible, Take care everyone please!

Staff news

If you hadn't already noticed both Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Thomas haven't just eaten too many cakes over lockdown, they are both carrying special bundles. Yes that's right they are both pregnant! Fabulous news! This means that we need all the mums, dads and children to help keep them safe by keeping their distance as much as they can. When the time comes for both teachers to start their maternity leave Mrs. Sydenham will be looking after years 2/3 and Mrs. H. Thomas who has covered Mrs. Thomas previously and knows the children will be covering Nursery and Reception.

Fundraising

Those shopping online with 'easy fundraising' we have received a cheque for £20.40. That's easy! Thank you!

Community

We have made a good start. We do not want school to close again so please remember to stick to the rules from Welsh government. If we stick to the rules we keep safe and reduce the spread. Please help us to avoid any class or school closure. Help stop the spread. Social distance and good hand hygiene. Simple.

You will notice that staff have hand sanitizer with them at all times and you'll notice that they keep a distance from other adults. This is to prevent the spread and shows that we care about our community. If you see a member of staff or child with a face covering this is to ensure we keep everyone safe. If you see a member of staff dressed in PPE this is because we have cleaning procedures in place and PPE is also used when a person displays covid symptoms and may need to be tested.

