

<u>Newsletter</u>

Dear parent/carers

Firstly, let me say how proud we are of all of the children. It has been a long halfterm for many, as they adjust back to school-life and learning. The children on the whole are showing great determination in catching up from the lost learning and their resilience is amazing.

If over the next week your child starts to get teary and upset please do not worry, it is because they are feeling very tired and are ready for a learning break.

Attendance and Absence

Our attendance remains in-line with government expectations and we are really pleased with that.

What is concerning is that parent/carers are not contacting us when their child is absent.

A little reminder that as parent/carers you should be informing us of why your child is absent at the earliest opportunity, not waiting for us to contact you. School office hours are 8am to 3.30pm. Messages can be left on our answerphone outside these times.

Nottinghamshire has now been placed in Tier Two and as a school we are all aware that at any point we may well have to close a bubble or two due to a positive case. When/if this happens we are duty bound to provide remote learning for all those children not able to attend school.

To ensure this provision is accessible to all we would appreciate it if you could click on the link and complete the questionnaire before next Thursday.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LuLr9FO180SIVj4NhJCOuBzh _wWW_aZFruI3FQ95fnlUNFBBU044VEpYMEpQWFBNT1dZUUtCNVRFRC4u

A polite reminder that under Tier Two gathering of over six are not permitted. Please bear this in mind when on the playground. Social distancing **MUST** be followed.

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Dismissal Times

Thank you for your co-operation with the start and end of the day procedures. As a school we feel these are going really well.

A large number of our year 5 and 6s are now working home alone or meeting their adults off-site. This is really helping with the end of the day.

Based on this the decision has been made to amend the dismissal time for year 5 and 6 to 3.00pm from Monday 19th October.

<u>Halloween</u>

Hopefully you have received the information about our Halloween activities next week. We are looking forward to pumpkin creations arriving from next Monday. Don't forget the deadline for bringing these to school is Wednesday 21st October at 9.00am

Online safety

If you have any concerns relating to keeping your child staying safe when they are online please use the links below:

- <u>https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/</u>
- <u>https://www.esafety-adviser.com/parentengagement/</u>

Remember:

if we all do one random act of kindness daily we just might set

the world in the

right direction

martin kornfeld

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask them.

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