

Parent update 22.4.2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this update finds you all safe and well.

School News

Following my last update about how we will revise basic skills across the school we have introduced basic skills starters in Maths (in KS1 & 2) and English (KS2) each day. We have also revisited the way in which children line up and move around the school. The children have responded really well to this and we have seen a massive improvement in behaviour in this area.

IDL Club - We will be starting an early morning "IDL" club for specific pupils in Years 3-5 next week. Parents of the children involved will receive an email about this later today.

Swimming – Year 4 swimming starts again on Friday (hurrah). A separate letter will go out to parents regarding this.

Year 6 residential – We have had great news from Robinwood, they have confirmed our Year 6 residential can go ahead. Again, Year 6 parents will receive a letter about this via email.

Children with phones and social media – Please could all parents of children with phones make sure they are aware of the age restrictions for the various social media platforms. The reason these platforms have these (inadequately enforced) age restrictions is that many children do not have the emotional maturity to use them appropriately. We are aware that some children have set up WhatsApp groups and there has been spate of unpleasant messaging between children. Please ensure you monitor your child's use of their phone and any messaging or use of social media that takes place. This is your duty of care and a safeguarding concern if it is not taking place.

Social distancing at hometime – Covid measures are still in place including our staggered start and pick up times. A massive thank you to those parents/carers who wait outside the gate until their pickup time each day. If your child's surname is begins with a letter from M-Z please wait outside the gate until 3.05pm – even if I'm not on the gate! This shows consideration to other families in our school community and helps us all to be safe.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 22nd April – We are celebrating Stephen Lawrence Day (you may have seen the recent TV adverts).

Monday 3rd May – School will be closed for May Bank Holiday

Thursday 6th May – School will be closed for Polling Day

Friday 7th May – NSPCC "Number Day" fundraising event

With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson