

Parent update Saturday 2nd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year!! I hope you have had a peaceful and happy time with your families over the holidays.

Despite the news about Covid being increasingly worrying and lots of media speculation about whether or not primary schools should reopen as normal, we are planning to be back on Monday, as usual, with breakfast club open from 8am.

Although in a secular sense Christmas is over, in the eyes of the church, Christmas ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (10th January this year). It is traditional that decorations stay up until 6th January so please remind the children not to be surprised when they arrive in school on Monday and see that we've still got our trees, cribs etc up, proudly on display.

I've updated the school risk assessment which can be downloaded below. The changes are mainly for staff, but we are increasing ventilation in the school building. You might want to consider putting tights / thermals on children under their trousers.

As before Christmas, we will be stringent about limiting items coming in and out of school. Reading books are to be brought daily and packed lunches must be fully disposable.

Please continue to cooperate with our staggered start and finish times (whether or not a member of our leadership team is at the gate to remind you), and please continue to use the one way system at the side of the school. It is the cooperation and support of all our families that enabled us to have a relatively smooth first term. We don't know what this term will bring but the consideration of others is a key factor in reducing the risk to our families and staff.

Uniform – expectations continue to be high. Understandably, at the end of term some children's shoes were outgrown or broken. All children must wear correct uniform from Monday, that means shoes not boots or trainers with a sports logo (unless medical evidence is given). If the weather is bad, children may wear wellies for the journey to and from school. Please send a plastic bag (with the child's name on), for them to be stored in during the day once they've changed into their shoes. Here is a link to our uniform policy once again.

For PE, please send your children into school in their PE kits ie plain black shorts or joggers, white t-shirt and red school jumper.

PE days this term are as follows:

Y6 – Thursday

Y5 - Tuesday

Y4 – Friday (Swimming is postponed for now)

Y3 – Wednesday

Y2 – Tuesday

Y1 - Monday

Communication with school will continue to be predominantly electronic. Please keep an eye on the website and the school spider app for updates. It would be a great help to us if you could check these before ringing the office with general enquiries.

Should there be any government announcements regarding primary schools opening only for reduced numbers between now and Monday, I will contact you again. Otherwise, I am really looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson