

*We will work in partnership to continue to build the unique foundations
for your child's learning"*

PARENTS NEWSLETTER

October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers;

Thank you for all of your support during the last month whilst we tried to ensure the school is as covid safe as we can make it. I would also like to thank you for how quickly you have responded to our request to wear masks when bringing and picking up your child. As staff we feel safer when you do this. As the rate of infection is creeping back up, we have been asked to identify which children have parents who are key/critical workers. I am assuming that this is in case there is another 'lockdown'. The school would remain open if this happens as it did earlier in the year.

It remains very important that if you, your child or anyone in your family has symptoms that you self-isolate according to the Government guidelines. Please inform us if you are doing this. It is also important that you inform us as soon as possible if you or your family has a positive test.

We know that the staggered times have made life challenging for some of you who have children at other schools. We will not be able to meet everyone's needs, however, after discussion with the staff and looking at the present system we are going to make these changes from Monday 5th October. We have painted **RED LINES** across each class room entrance. Please do not cross it unless you are settling a child.

Morning session children to arrive between 9.00- 9.15.

Morning children leave between 11.15 - 11.30.

Afternoon children arrive between 12.30-12.45

All children go home between 2.45 - 3.00

It is very important that the children are picked up by 3pm. Staff need to clean and to prepare for the next day.

If your circumstances have changed and you might now be entitled to free school meals, then please contact us.

We are happy to try and support you with any application.

If you are struggling to cope, then please contact us. We can link you to the right places for support. Gill can also request that you receive a food box.



A few reminders;

- Please make sure that your child's name is in their coat.
- Applications for primary schools is now open. You need to apply on line. You need to name up to 6 schools. Please contact Gill if you would like any help. The closing date is 15th January 2020.
- Please do not use your phone anywhere on the school site. We have put a clock on Space Room wall so you can see the time.
- **Meet the teacher day - Thursday 19th November 2020 (School Closed).**

School Fund.

We are not able to do many of the activities that your child enjoys with out your support. Just buying snacks cost over £50 a week. We ask that you donate £5 each half term. If everyone did that then we would have over £500, sometimes we are lucky if we get £100. We have attached an envelope; please put your donation in the letterbox in the playground.

Heritage week

Throughout the school year we have different focus weeks. As part of our celebrations for Black History month we have a week when we celebrate the children's heritage. Traditionally we invite parents to come in and tell the children stories; teach them songs from their childhood or to make some of their favorite food.

This year will have to be different and we are unsure what it will look like. However, we know that we need your help to make it a success. We will send out a plan next week.

Please look after yourselves and your family,
Stay safe; Gill and all the staff