

Weekly Newsletter

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*'Where children
come first'*

Quote of the Term:

*"Do not let the behaviour of others
destroy your inner peace."—Dalai Lama*

Superstars Closure

As you are aware there are still high rates of infection from the Coronavirus in the local area. A number of schools have had to close some of their class bubbles.



Unfortunately, we had to close our Early Years 'bubble' (Nursery and Reception) over the last ten days but thankfully they will be returning to us on Monday 28th June.

The classrooms have been left in quarantine so the virus will have died (which it does after 72 hours on any surface) and there has also been a thorough clean so we are looking forward to a safe return on Monday.

We are still sending children home if they are not well (especially if it is a cough, temperature or loss of taste and smell, but also headaches and general cold symptoms due to the high infection rate and wanting to protect the community).

If your child is sent home please take them for a PCR test. The rapid Lateral Flow Test is not sufficient, it needs to be the actual PCR test and anyone with suspected symptoms will not be allowed back into school until they have a negative PCR test result.

If a child or staff member in your child's class tests positive the whole class bubble will be closed and sent home where they must isolate for 10 days (a message and letter will go out via Class Dojo & email, and an initial message via text and Facebook will go out - please keep checking).

We know it is tough when this happens and puts families under a lot of strain but we always follow regulations and want to make sure everyone is safe (we have some very vulnerable family members in some of our classes).

Isolation

Please remember that if you and your family are asked to self-isolate then you and they are not allowed out in public. There is a chance of a big fine if anyone is caught in public when they should be isolating. Please do not mix with families/friends who should be self-isolating. We are trying to protect the community and we are aware of some children mixing with bubbles when they should be isolating.

Behaviour

We are so proud of the excellent behaviour of so many of our children during these very challenging times (and hot days!).



The end of the year is always tricky when routines are a bit different and COVID has not helped with feelings of anxiety (especially for our Year 6 children) but our children are proving how brilliant they are once again!

Reception Parents Meetings (new to Reception 2021)

We are inviting all parents of new Reception children starting in September 2021 to attend a crucial introduction and welcome meeting on Thursday 1st July at either 1.30 or 4.00pm (the meeting will last just over 1 hour).

This is in place of the meeting that was due to take place on Thursday 24th June but which had to be cancelled due to the self-isolation of key staff.

Further information will be emailed out and sent out to all new parents.



Rewards for this week (Well done!)

Well done to those amazing children who have achieved the various awards this week -
well done!

Star of the Week Awards Enthusiasm in work	
Rockets	Grace
Dorado	Marina - for always trying her best
Orion	Mya – for working hard all week and improving her skills
Hercules	All of Hercules for being so great on the trip to Worden Park
Pegasus	Joey - showing fabulous work effort
Leo	Gabriel - a really positive week in school and a great help with the class vegetable garden
Phoenix	Coby - excellent retelling of the Maya creation story and being respectful to new staff in school

Positive Points	
Rockets	Joseph
Dorado	Lawson
Orion	Jenny LI
Hercules	Louisa
Pegasus	Thomas
Leo	Bethany & Millie
Phoenix	Gift

Fitness Champion	
Rockets	Brandon
Dorado	Jenson - for trying hard with his skipping skills
Orion	Aurelia - for graduating in her 10th gup white belt to 9th gup yellow belt in martial arts
Hercules	Teejay - for learning a new skill in PE with help from his friends
Pegasus	Isabelle - for showing 100% effort during PE sessions
Leo	Emily - fantastic attitude in swimming resulting in great improvement and being an excellent role model for others in her group
Phoenix	Alfie M - always putting in full effort, good sportsmanship and never complaining

We are so proud of so many of our children who demonstrate wonderful manners, great respect and whose behaviour is impeccable.
Well done to all our super role models!

Attendance

We have had a review of our attendance figures this week and whilst we appreciate that a vast number of absences will be beyond your control due to the Covid pandemic, we have noticed that we are having a large proportion of one day absences on a Friday which was highlighted in our review. In line with Department for Education guidance, we are now starting to monitor attendance more rigorously and appreciate your continued support. Our current attendance for the whole school is 93.8% which is under the 96% threshold. We also have several children who arrive late everyday. If your child arrives after 9.30am this goes down as unauthorised absence. Please try to get to school on time, arriving late not only impacts your child's education but also impacts our lunch orders which have to be submitted by 9.30am at the latest. Our late/absence procedures can be viewed on our website in the Parents tab. If your child is absent from school for any reason you must remember to ring the school office and let us know. Where possible, medical appointments should be made outside of school hours and we do need to see a copy of the appointment letter for our attendance records which are audited regularly.



Classes for Next Year (2021-22)

The teachers in the classes for 2021-22 will be:

Moons (Nursery) - Mrs Hollinghurst

Rockets (Reception) - Miss Thomson

Dorado (Year 1) - Miss Charlton & Mrs Warner

Orion (Year 2) - Miss Lemon

Hercules (Year 3) - Miss Martin

Pegasus (Year 4) - Mrs Wheatland & Mr Stott

Leo (Year 5) - Mr Buchanan

Phoenix (Year 6) - Miss Unsworth

(Teaching Assistants will be allocated to each of the classes to support with interventions and pastoral care needs).

Staffing

Due to increased testing (especially at High Schools) for COVID-19 we are having more staff who have to self-isolate if someone in their family tests positive. The staff member will stay off for ten days which obviously puts a huge strain on support throughout the school but I am so proud of the team at Seven Stars who are working so hard to make school a happy, safe and caring place for everyone.

Year 6 visits to High Schools

At this time of year our Year 6s usually attend their chosen High School (this year it is meant to be on Friday 2nd July). However, following the announcement from the government of the restrictions being extended to 19th July, some of these visits are unlikely to take place. We will keep you informed but we will still do our best to organise transition preparation work for our Year 6 pupils within school (the High Schools have some very good information on their web-sites that parents and Year 6 pupils can access).

Mid-day supervisors

If anyone is interested in becoming a mid-day supervisor please get in touch with the school office.

You need to be someone with lots of patience, a love for children, willing to get involved in actively engaging with the children and have a very big smile!

(Male or female of any age from 17 upwards - subject to DBS safeguarding checks and there will be a mini-interview).

Sports Days

Due to the increase in infections in the area we will not be opening up our Sports Days or any other events to parents this year. It is upsetting but we must put the safety of our community first.

We will however do our very best to record as many events as we can so you can see them on Class Dojo and Facebook.

Each class will do their own 'Sports Day' and I am sure they will have lots of fun.

CNOS Family Fun Day

The CNOS (Community Network and Outreach Service) will be holding a Family Fun day on the school field on Sunday 4th July from 12 noon to 4pm

It is being organised by the CNOS and is a CNOS event. Many thanks to the team for putting it on for the community.

Strict COVID-19 guidance will be followed with risk assessments in place, sanitising stations, social distancing in place, marshalls and stalls separated.

Grow our Own!

Our very own vegetable patch is continuing to do well at the moment. Leo class prepared a gorgeous salad for the class and Mr Mitchell from the produce and it tasted DELICIOUS! Yummy (and very healthy)!

Talent Show

Well done to all the children who auditioned for the Seven Stars Talent Show. It was a strong competition this year which made it so hard to choose the finalists.

Everyone did brilliantly but we had to choose, so the finalists for this year are:

Igor in Year 6

Matilda, Leah & Gracie in Year 5

Emily in Year 5

Dylan B in Year 4

Katie, Sophie and Savannah in Year 3

Mya, Jenny, Darasimi and Lily-May in Year 2

Lois & Esme in Year 1

Holly & Lexi T in Year 1

Well done to everyone, even if you weren't chosen, you are all winners!

We will set a date for the performance and do our best to record the performances so we can put them on Class Dojo or Facebook.

Extra Bank Holiday

Extra Bank Holiday - We sent out a revised version of 'Holiday and Term Dates' yesterday to include an extra day for the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations in June 2022. The half term at the end of May will now run from Monday 30th May to Monday 6th June 2022 inclusive; Tuesday 7th June 2022 is an inset day for staff so pupils will return on Wednesday 8th June 2022. The updated list can be found on the school website and it was sent out on Class Dojo and email yesterday.

**DO NOT RIDE BIKES OR SCOOTERS ON THE SCHOOL
PLAYGROUND - it is dangerous**

Lunch Menu (red/green) for w/b 28/06/21:

Weeks commencing: 07/06/21; 28/06/21			
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Desserts Choice
Monday	French Bread Pizza, Hash Brown, Beans	Selection of Sandwiches, Salad, Crisps	Oaty Biscuit Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Chinese Style Chicken Curry, Vegetable Rice, Naan Bread	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Toppings, Salad	Crepes Fruit Ice Cream
Wednesday	Roast Ham Sandwich, Salad, Crisps	Mascarpone Pasta, Tortilla Chips	Strawberry Ice Cream Roll Fruit
Thursday	Meatballs in Gravy, Chips, Peas	Fish Fingers, Chips, Beans	Fruity Jelly with Orange Wedges
Friday	Summer Picnic Mini Sandwich Roll, Vegetarian Sausage Roll, Salad Sticks, Crisps		Summer Dessert Choc Ice

Reports

We are in the process of writing our end of year reports for all children in school. The reports will be sent out by Class Dojo again this year but if you do not have access to Class Dojo get in touch and we will arrange for a paper copy to be printed off for you.

The reports will go on Class Dojo by **Thursday 1st July**. If you wish to discuss anything in the report please arrange a telephone conversation with your child's class teacher via Class Dojo (or by phoning the office if you do not have access to Class Dojo).

Summer Holidays

We break up on **Friday 16th July at 2pm** for the summer holidays (After school club will be open until 4pm for parents who are working or in education).

Key Dates:

Tuesday 29th June - possible Sports day for Years 1 to 6

Wednesday 30th June - possible Sports day for Nursery and Reception

Thursday 1st July - Reports go out to all parents via Class Dojo

Friday 2nd July - Class Swap over morning and most of Year 6 visit their High School



Many thanks for your support - *Mr Mitchell*

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE (class and school information)

Remember to like us on Facebook ****If you have changed your contact details, need to update medical information or any other personal details please let us know in the office so we can update our records****