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'Loving God in all we do'

Friday September 4th

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to wish all our families the warmest welcome back to St Anne's this September. The children have been exceptional in their behaviour and attitude to learning. Please congratulate the children from all the staff and praise them for the excellent start we have made to the new term. Our school would not be able to operate without every member of staff working together as one. I am extremely proud of all our staff and I know that whatever the future holds we will be able to work together to ensure our children receive the best possible education.

The following bullet points are provided to answer a few common questions that families may have. Please read the following bullet points carefully.

- Having extended registrations between 8.45 and 9.15 to reduce footfall has proven successful. Please try to remember the one-way system and please do not walk your children down the main drive. Although the barrier is closed, we do receive deliveries to school at all times. All children must be in school by 9.15am. At the end of the day, please use the correct paths and not the driveway.
- At the end of the school day, parents/carers of Yr5 and Yr6 are welcome to come through the entrance gate and wait in the front school grounds to meet their child at 3.30pm. Please do not walk onto the KS2 playground.
- Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. A parent needs to wait on the pavement outside school with animals.
- If your child is unwell with symptoms of Covid, parents must make the decision to keep your child at home. It is impossible for Mrs Penlington to diagnose children on the phone from the school office. If children become ill during the day, we will always phone parents to inform them. Please remember to inform the school as soon as possible if your child is absent by either phone or email.
- Swimming Lessons for children in KS2 will not begin until further communications towards the end of September. We work in partnership with West Lancashire Sports Partnership to organise swimming lessons and will follow the guidance provided.
- Breakfast Club/After School Club – Parents must ensure new contracts are completed and any outstanding bills paid. Parents must inform the school office if their child is not going to be attending on a particular night. Please phone or email Mrs Penlington.
- School Dinners in KS2 – If you did not complete the online form and want your child to receive a school dinner you must phone or email the school office and inform Mrs Penlington.

Headteacher: Mr P. Bates
Deputy Headteachers:
Mrs A. Birmingham & Mrs G. Cleary



- Class Charts will be the platform used to communicate and complete homework. Please become familiar with this platform as, if we enter another period of lockdown over the coming months, home learning will be communicated using this platform.
- We are working to produce a digital gallery of our classrooms and school grounds. Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold our 'Open Afternoon' this month.

It is very common in schools for children to have head lice. It is sensible for all parents to continually check their child's head for lice and use the correct treatments as required. Please also check for threadworms as this is also common in children. Please seek medical advice as required.

I would like to reassure parents that we will do all we can to help our families who may well be struggling financially due to the consequences of Covid-19. When the Government's Furlough scheme ends, there may well be parents who face a sharp decline in their family incomes. People are proud and I do not intend to interfere in people's personal business. However, children are entitled to free school dinners etc if parental income drops below a certain threshold. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you require any advice or guidance.

Finally, I would like to wish all our children, families and staff a wonderful and very well deserved weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr P Bates

Headteacher