



Newsletter 2 - 23 September 2020

Hello everyone, can I begin by thanking you for the way that you have adjusted to the challenges of the staggered starts and finish to each day? Your co-operation is much appreciated, please do remember to keep your distance, especially as it seems that we are on the verge of the 'second wave'. We all need to do what we can to stop the spread!

If you or a member of your immediate family develop symptoms it is **vitally** important that you follow the guidance and the whole household isolate in line with the government guidance. See our webpage [here](#) for some helpful advice.

Please can we remind you that the main office is **not** open between 8:45 am and 9:20 am nor between 3:00 pm and 3:20 pm, only Year 5 or Year 6 should be at the main entrance at these times. Thank you for working with us on this.

There's lots in this letter so please do read on!

Mr Mackley 😊



Road Safety

Can we please ask those people who drive their cars around Derby Square at the start and end of the day to please park away from school and walk? With the large numbers of children around at these times we are worried that someone could get hurt. Thank you for your co-operation.

Class Dojo

You will either be registered on this or have received a message asking you to do so. Please can we encourage you to make sure you have registered as it is not only a great way to keep in touch with your child's class teacher it is going to be a key part of our remote learning plan should we need to isolate classes or whole bubbles. Teachers will be using the system to inform you of the work your child needs to do and can also use it to answer questions you may have about the work that is set.



Mrs Walton's Survey on Remote Learning

A big thankyou to everyone who responded – it was a fantastic level and is very helpful in guiding how we can plan for remote learning if it is needed. You made it very clear that you prefer paper based learning and that is what we will try to do. 80% of those who responded said that they were likely or very likely to get their children to do whatever work is set which is brilliant!

Reading

Many of you have been asking about home readers. Due to the restrictions placed on us we are unable to send home reading books at the moment. You do have access to the [Love Reading](#) website and also to [Oxford Owls](#) where your child(ren) can have access to a wide range of books.





All you need to do is visit either site and register so that you can access books for your children, it is free to do as well!

Face Masks / Coverings

We have noticed a lot of children coming into school with face masks. Whilst we understand your concern, may we remind you that the guidance does not recommend young children wearing them as if they do not use them correctly, they can actually do themselves more harm than good. Please follow this [link](#) to find out more about how to wear a face mask correctly.

Curriculum

All curriculum letters and class information sheets can now be found on the [school website](#). Please do have a read so you can support your child(ren) at home with learning.

Things your child needs in school!



Please can your child bring their own, labelled, water bottle each day. We are unable to provide cups of water as we used to do but children can refill their bottles throughout the day if they need.

Also, a reminder that children do **not** need to bring their PE kit in but **do** need to bring in a pair of pumps when they have PE.

Visitors

We are really pleased that we have been able to welcome staff from Hothersall Lodge into school at the beginning of term to carry out some great team building exercises with the children. Just like last year, they really helped start the year off in a great way.

Mrs Copeland has also managed to arrange for a weekly visit from a group called 'Commando Joe' who will work with the children over the year on a range of character building activities. Click on the icon to visit their website to see more about their work with Primary Age children.



School Admissions

If you are applying for a secondary or primary school place for September 2021, please visit the following websites as all applications are on line. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/> The deadline for secondary applications is 31st October so time is short!

School Uniform



We have had some good as new school uniform donated to school. We will shortly be holding a sale where all items will be available for a £1 donation. Look out for further details to come.

Keep in touch!

With everything that is going on at the moment, it is very important that we have clear contact details for your child(ren) in case of emergencies. Also, if you are isolating or have a positive test result you **must** contact us at school as this does have significant implications for us a school.

As always, stay safe and God bless you all.