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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

As we are using a variety of communication methods (parentmail, texts, facebook & website) to reach parents much more extensively now, then it is becoming less important to write a newsletter. I will however continue to publish a newsletter every 2-3 weeks to inform parents of what is happening in school and to highlight any upcoming dates.

Mr J Dent
Headteacher

Google Classroom – Remote/Home Learning

School is now using Google Classroom to help our pupils should they have to work from home for extended periods of time. It is a free and secure learning network for teachers and pupils to communicate remotely. It provides a safe way for teachers and pupils to connect, share content, access lessons and homework, participate in discussions and receive class information.

School has supplied each pupil with an exercise book for your child to use when accessing their classwork remotely (from Home).

For those that are isolating whilst the rest of the class are still in school, we will be directing families towards the DfE developed website – Oak National Academy, which has a schedule of daily lessons.

Dismissal Arrangements

Now that our Nursery children are attending school full time, their dismissal time has changed to 2.30pm. Please can all parents keep to this time as we want all children to be safely handed over to parents before the other classes come out at 2.40pm. Due to staffing, at this time it is not possible for us to include siblings with Nursery children.

Half Term Reports

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we are not able to hold any face to face parents' evenings. We will be emailing pupil reports after half term to let you know how your child has settled back into school.

DfE Guidance on items brought in from home

Last week the DfE issue updated guidance on items that can be brought in from home. Unfortunately, we are now not able to accept party bags or cakes to hand out to other children. As soon as this changes we will inform you.

Behaviour Letters

Starting this week we will be emailing via parentmail any behaviour letter that your child receives. We will keep a log of any consequence that has been issued to your child. There will no longer be a need to sign and return the letter. Parents are encouraged to communicate with school by email or telephone if they wish to discuss the matter with their child's teacher.

Year 6 Applications for High School

There are still some parents who have not applied for High School Places for their Year 6 child. The deadline for applications is 5.00pm on Mon 2nd November. The website address is [www.manchester.gov.uk/secondary school admissions](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions)

Half Term Dates

Friday 23 rd October	School Closes for Half term
Tuesday 3 rd November	School Re-opens
Monday 2 nd November	Staff Training day