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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.

We have sent out the most up to date advice for parents on what to do if someone in your household has Covid symptoms or has tested positive. This was issued by Manchester City Council on 14.09.20. Please continue to look out for communication from school regarding any new guidance that we are given. Please note unfortunately the guidance seems to change quite regularly

Mr J Dent
Headteacher

Thank You

A big thank you to all our pupils for returning to school in such a positive frame of mind. They have all followed the new measures that we have had to put in place and as usual have been very resilient in adapting to the different break and lunch times and way of moving around school. I would also like to thank all parents for the way they have adapted to the new start and finish procedures to the school day. Now that everyone is sticking to allotted times and helping by social distancing, it is becoming much easier. Unfortunately it looks like we may have to operate these procedures for some time yet so please make sure that you continue to keep up the good work.

Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Unfortunately, Wright Robinson, where our swimming lessons take place, contacted us to let us know that due to complications with their risk assessment they are not yet able to provide a venue for swimming lessons. As soon as this situation has been resolved we will let all parents know.

Internet Survey

Thank you to all the parents who have so far completed our survey on internet access. It is important to know the level of access our pupils have to the internet and devices they can use to complete work on. In the very near future we will be launching our new digital platform for home learning (via the google education suite). This will give staff and pupils access to google classroom and google meet, which should ensure a much more interactive platform for home learning than we have had previously. This will become essential should any of our year groups have to be closed and have to isolate or all schools be instructed to close completely as we were in March. More information will be communicated to parents about how to access this in due course.

P.E Kits

Children in KS1 (Y1 & Y2) are being asked to come into school in their PE kits on the days that they have P.E. This is the same for days in which the children have forest school too.

KS2 children do not need to do this. This is reduce the close contact between staff and pupils when helping them get dressed for P.E. KS2 pupils are much more able to dress themselves.

School Lunches

From next Monday, we will be trialing serving hot lunches to the pupils. We are meeting with Manchester Fayre, the catering company that provides our meals to discuss how we can do this. Currently having to keep year group bubbles apart restricts how we use our hall as a dining space and having to timetable separate time outside for each year groups is proving challenging. Our small kitchen also restricts the number of catering staff on site, which in turn impacts on our capacity to make meals. Once we have confirmed a strategy for serving hot meals then we will inform all parents of our plans.

Non-Uniform Day – Jeans for Genes day (Friday 18th Sep)

18.09.20	Non-Uniform (Jeans for Genes)
23.10.20	End of Half-Term
02.11.20	Staff Training Day
03.11.20	Return to school

Dates

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