



Headteacher Update

22.10.21

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all received and read our latest Newsletter yesterday. You will find in there class updates, dates and my end of term letter to you all.

I wanted to end term though with an update with more important information you need as parents going into the next term.

Staffing

This week we have said goodbye to Mrs Arnold and you can read more about her time with us in the school newsletter. We are thrilled that Mr Gazzard is back with us after a short period of illness at the start of term and delighted that he will be teaching **Bluebell Class** full time after half term.

Mrs Helm continues to be off sick and we now know this will be for an extended period which takes us until 31.3.22. We of course send her our love and best wishes. The governors have asked that I continue to lead the federation as Acting Executive Headteacher during this period of time. They have also recognised that whilst I continue to work as Acting Headteacher, we need to replace my Deputy Head role. I am pleased to announce that Ms Amy Davis has been asked to step up into this role which has been designed to strengthen leadership across both schools. In taking on this role, Ms Davis will be stepping away from her teaching commitment in **Daisy class**. Mrs Laura Hunt, who works as a job share with Ms Davis, has agreed to take on the role of class teacher full time from after half term. For children in Daisy class, this means they will continue to have a teacher they know well and you should notice very little change to their routine.

Uniform

Thank you everyone who has ensured their children are coming in wearing the correct uniform. Our day to day uniform is looking smart and we have many more children in the school PE kit.

As a reminder about our PE kit, children should be wearing

- the school PE t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt (it was originally black but I'm told these are harder to source),
- a pair of black shorts and/ or a pair of plain (no logos please) black joggers.
- They will need to wear a pair of trainers too. These do not need to be a specific colour but must be suitable to do PE in.

One thing I have noticed is that we still have a plethora of sweatshirts being worn into school on PE days. Please can I remind you that children should wear their **school jumper or cardigan over the top of their PE t-shirt**. This will help our children look as smart on PE days as they do in their daily uniform.

Attendance and Covid 19

Thank you to everyone who is supporting us to keep our school community as safe as possible. Many of you have had to take children for PCR tests this term as colds and viruses that are not Covid related have gone through the school.

As you will all be aware we have had a small number of Covid cases this term but I consider us very fortunate that these have been isolated and grateful the spread continues to be limited.

Attendance at school is of course a priority for our children as every missed day is missed learning. The school office is knowledgeable about Covid procedures (which keep changing) and will be happy to advise you if you are unsure as whether to send your child into school or not. Please do not hesitate to contact them.

Events

We have a few events coming up at school that you may want to put in your diary:

PTA KS1 Disco and Talent show: Friday 22nd October 4:15pm – 5:30pm – in the school hall

PTA KS2 Movie Night: Friday 22nd October 6pm – 7:45pm – in the school hall

Parent Consultation Evenings: Monday 8th November and Wednesday 10th November

Thank you to all of you that have made appointments already for these consultations. If you haven't booked an appointment yet and wish to make one, please contact the school office.

At present, we still intend to hold face to face meetings with you on these dates. However, we are monitoring the Covid situation closely and the government guidelines. Should circumstances change, we will let you know with as much notice as possible.

If you do not feel comfortable coming into school for a meeting, please let the office know and we will arrange a telephone call or Zoom meeting with you instead.

New to Reception September 2022 Open Mornings: Wednesday 17th November and Friday 19th November

If you know anyone who would like to apply for a place in our Reception class for next September, please do share this date on with them. A visit will need to be booked through the office.

Children in Need: Friday 19th November

Children are welcome to wear spots or non-school uniform to school on this day for a small donation. All donations will be given to Children in Need.

Flu Immunisations: Friday 17th December

Children from Reception to Year 6 may have their annual Flu immunisation on this day. Forms have been sent home. Please complete and return to school.

All arrangements for Christmas events will be sent out after half term.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

Kindest regards

Natalie Frey