

Message from the Principal: Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year and what an amazing start we have made! It was lovely to see the children's smiling faces and their eagerness to come into school on the first day back. They looked so smart in their school uniform and our new nursery children look beautiful in their shirts and ties. I did write to parents/carers last week to thank them for their patience and feedback regarding drop off and pick up times. Once again, thank you for your patience and ongoing support and thank goodness the weather has been kind to us! I am very pleased that the new times are working really well and would like to thank parents/carers for keeping our community safe by standing by the school fence, leaving pavements clear for others and for socially distancing at the gates. Whilst school is a little different, I can say with confidence that our children are happy, safe, eager to learn and determined to do well. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the academy if you have any queries. I look forward to the events we have planned this half term and will update you in next month's newsletter. Also, keep a close eye on our Facebook page for updates.



Message from Assistant Principal:

EYFS News

Wow what a wonderful start to the new term the Nursery and Reception children have made. It has been fantastic to see how confident and happy the children have been arriving to school each day.

This week the Nursery children will be fulltime, so if you haven't already signed your child up to be fulltime, please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Donnelly or myself.

Message from Assistant Principal: KS1

News

KS1 have made a great start to the new term and are really happy to be back in school.

A big well done for all the super smart new uniform the children are looking fantastic. If your child hasn't got a tie or school shirt, they will need this by the end of September.

The children are loving getting their teeth into their new topics, Y1 children had a great surprise this week with a visit from a dinosaur.

Message from Assistant Principals: KS2

News

KS2 have had an excellent start and it is clear that they are happy to be back at school.

The children have come back looking really smart. Just a reminder that by the end of September children need to be in full uniform which includes a proper school shirt and tie.

The teachers are already coming up with some super exciting activities so don't forget to ask your child what they've been up to.

IMPORTANT DATES

The Macmillan Coffee morning will take place on Friday 25th September and all the children will get a cake and drink (hot chocolate or juice) for a suggested donation of £1. All money raised will be split between Macmillan and PTFA.

The children will still be making Christmas Cards that can be purchased this year but unfortunately we won't be able to invite parents to join us in making them. Additional information regarding this will be sent out soon.



THINKING AHEAD: School photographs will take place on Wednesday 11th November for those children that are in school. Sadly, the company will not be able to take family photos this year.

Uniform

Children need to be in a shirt, trousers/skirt and shoes. By the end of September, all children need to be in the full Mill Hill uniform including a tie and the Mill Hill jumper/blazer (Yr6) and the Mill Hill PE kit. Please see our website for details about the school uniform. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Punctuality

It is really important that your child (ren) arrive at school on time. Every second lost is learning time lost! To keep us all safe we have an arrival time of 8.40 am – 8.55 am. Please make sure you arrive at school before 8.55 am.



Attendance

A day lost is a day of learning lost! Unless your child has COVID symptoms they need to be in school every day. We will be continuing with our weekly big breakfast class award and certificates for 100% attendance each term. If your child is REALLY unwell then normal absence procedures are in place. Please call the office before school starts to tell us why your child is going to be absent from school.



Class Dojo

As parents/carers are aware unfortunately, due to the current situation you are unable to come into the school buildings. To ensure that parents/carers can communicate with their child's (rens) class teacher we are continuing to use Class Dojo. We will also be uploading a number of home learning activities for your children to do if they are having to isolate whilst waiting for a Covid Test. Most parents are now connected, if you haven't logged in to Class Dojo yet, your child will bring home details on how to do this.

Curriculum

Please find below a list of the topics that each year group are learning about this half term.

N– Tasty Rhymes

R - People who help us

Y1—What's in the egg? (Dinosaurs)

Y2— Heroes

Y3— Stone Age

Y4—The Empire strikes back—What did the Romans do for me?

Y5—Anglo– Saxons

Y6—Vicious Viking

Keeping Children Safe

Please make sure that the office have up - to - date contact information for you child(ren). This needs to include address, phone numbers, email address and a list of people who are allowed to collect your child.



Breakfast and Kool Kids Club

Just a reminder that we do have a morning and an afternoon school club available to parents. If you would like any more details, please contact the school office.

Please can we ask that you telephone the number when you are collecting your children The telephone number is :-
07596 144943

Covid-19 Official Government Guidance

You should not send your child to school if you, or any member of your household is showing any of these symptoms:

1. A continuous cough.
2. A high temperature (above 37.8 C)
3. Loss of sense of smell or taste.

Please ring the school to advise us of your child's absence and contact NHS UK to arrange a test or ring NHS 119 if you don't have internet access.

Anyone with one or more of these symptoms needs to self isolate for 10 days and fellow household members for 14 days unless test results are negative.