



Autumn Term Issue 2

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Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We are now in full swing and, fingers crossed, most things seem to be working smoothly particularly with regard to the management of separate populations within school. The keys to success have been diligent planning by teachers to have a very structured but still stimulating environment but most importantly it has been the children's ability to adapt so quickly to the new routines for which we cannot commend them enough. This is not to say there have not been issues due to the constraints caused by our new ways of working and none more than the one you will all be well aware of with parking at the start and end of the day. As I am sure you are all aware we have been trying to raise concerns with county and the parish council for the last 4 years in the hope of getting a car park to ease congestion problems. Unfortunately, despite letters and your signatures when Cathy our Chair of Governors last appealed nothing has changed and there is obviously a shortage of funds to be able to solve such problems. However, if people continue to express their concerns to the appropriate authorities it may stay on their agenda should money become available. In the meantime, we will all have to do what we can with what we have the key things to help are the following:

- Pick children up and drop them off at the appointed times and leave as soon as possible afterwards to free up space.
- When parking pull in as close in as possible to the road edge to allow other vehicles to pass.
- Do not park on any of the yellow markings – it is illegal and it makes it impossible for vehicles travelling in opposite directions to pass.
- If you can park further away and walk and well done to all of you that have able to walk or bike the whole way.

For our part we will restart breakfast club from the week beginning the 21st September – there will have to be a strict 20 children limit and places will need to be booked so we can organise the separation of children from different populations. The club will, as before run from 8am so it should take some of the strain off the congestion at the start of the day. We also hope to start opening up the minibus transport from Reawla bus stop from the same date although it is dependent on a cleaning machine arriving in time. Again, there has to be a limit on numbers and priority will be given to those with most need – please contact the office if you wish to be considered for a place on the bus. Finally, we plan on running clubs for classes from the 21st too so hopefully together the measures will alleviate the problems. However probably the most important thing to remember is: Be patient – it is difficult for everyone.

The other main difficulty we have faced is regarding the classification of coughs! Obviously at this time of year there are a lot of colds going about and with them there are bound to be a lot of coughing children. Due to the current pandemic however, we have to take new persistent coughs seriously but it has been hard to get very clear guidance; the three episodes in 24 hours in the NHS guidance (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>) could preclude half the school depending on the definition of 'episode'! When I spoke to the coronavirus support line for schools the lady was more specific but the best advice is that if you are at all unsure ring 119 for advice. If we send a child home due to a cough we will alert the population that they are part of but the chances are it is just a cold, so children in the population can return to school until we receive the test result. Unfortunately, we have no control over the speed within which this will happen but will keep you informed as soon as we get information. Again, it is going to test the patience of all of us but working together we can try and run the school to the maximum benefit for our children and to finish on a positive that benefit has been visible in so many ways this week; I have run out of space to go into details but hopefully the pictures will speak for themselves. Remember if you want to get involved with the topics that your children are learning, all class plans can be found on the school website and if you have any queries at all we are on the end of the phone so don't hesitate to ring. Have a great weekend whatever you do.

Mr Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Going 4 Goals*

HEADLINES: *Setting a realistic goal*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Bach*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being able to be patient*

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Diary Dates

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September

22-24 Bikeability for Year 5

October

Fri 2—Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Mon 12—Tempest Photos 1pm

Mon 26 to Fri 30—Autumn half term

December

Mon 21 to Fri 1 Jan 2021—Christmas holiday

Mon 4—Spring term begins

February

Mon 15 to Fri 19 Feb 2021—Spring half term

April

Fri 2 Apr 2021 to Fri 16 Apr 2021—Easter Break

Mon 19—Summer term begins

May

Mon 3 May 2021—Bank Holiday

Fri 28—INSET day

Mon 31 May 2021 to Fri 4 Jun 2021—May half term

June

Mon 7—INSET day

Tue 8—INSET day

July

Thur 22—INSET day

Fri 23—INSET day

Mon 26 July 2021—Summer Holidays start



Whole School Attendance Target

2017-2018: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

92.13%

INSET DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

Friday 28 May 2021

Monday 7 June 2021

Tuesday 8 June 2021

Thursday 22 July 2021

Friday 23 July 2021



NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please be aware that due to several children and a member of staff having severe allergies to nuts the school has a policy whereby no products containing nuts should be brought into school including in personal lunch boxes. With some products it is not always obvious that nuts form part of the ingredients so please check labels carefully. Thank you



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following children for their fantastic learning. Thank you.

Poldhu

Lily for super work throughout the classroom

Ori for settling into the classroom so well

Kynance

William for recognising an onomatopoeia

Anu for fantastic learning in phonics

Godrevy

Oska for settling brilliantly into Godrevy class

Jack for coming back to school with great enthusiasm

Rinsey

Mckenzie for an excellent start to class lessons

Chloe for excellent attitude to school & being a good friend

Virtue Value Awards

Heidi, Felix, Heath, Bethany