



# Autumn 1 Newsletter 2021



Welcome back to a new school year. We have all returned to school with enthusiasm and energy for the start of a new hopefully more "normal" year! We have 23 new children starting with us in Oak class and a total of 165 children in school.

## Staffing in School

We are very happy to welcome Miss Parkinson to our school; this is her first teaching post and she will be teaching Hazel class. Mrs Oversby has retired, all other staff remain the same in school.

## Safeguarding

May we remind you that the schools safeguarding lead is Mrs E Bradley - all concerns should be brought to her or the class teacher. All staff receive up to date training along with the school governors, the governor responsible for safeguarding is Ms. N. Bailey.

## Covid Update

Many thanks for all the support and understanding shown by our school community in the start to the school year. **If your child is isolating but fit and well we will do our best to send work home (this may not always be straight away), if they are unwell for any reason teachers will not provide home learning.** Our full Risk assessment is on the school website. We are striving to get back to "normal" whilst ensuring the safety of all our school community.

## Health and Safety

As the weather gets colder, please could you send your child with a coat and a hat etc. when required. Could we ask that children do not climb walls or go over gates etc. within school grounds before and after school hours. They should also use paths at all times and not cross the car park at all. This is particularly important as we try to keep all staff and children safe in their "bubble". We are reviewing "bubbles" and our risk assessment weekly.

## Dinner Money/Lunches

At present KS2 are continuing to eat in classrooms and KS1 in the hall. We are continually reviewing the situation. Please can we ask that ParentPay accounts are kept up to date. A 2-week notice is also required at the school office if your child wishes to change to a packed lunch - please email the office if you wish to change. All children in school are eligible to receive a free school lunch on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Please reply via e-mail/telephone if your child has sandwiches but would like a lunch on this day.

## Flu Vaccinations in school/Illness

All children will receive a Flu vaccination in school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (**class teachers will be sending out consent forms which must be returned to school before this date**). **Please continue to contact school for advice and support if your child is unwell; we appreciate your updates and notification.**

### Two Gates Supporters

Our group of supporters will be starting to meet again and hopefully plan for new events over the coming year. They are happy to welcome new members who wish to support and help, please contact the school office if you would like further information.

### Dates for your Diary

Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Governors AGM in school at 6.00 p.m.
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> October at 11.15 a.m.	Family Harvest Festival (Church) at St James- <b>all welcome</b>
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> October	Lunch on us day-Smiley face Dinner
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> October	Family and individual photographs in school
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> October	School Harvest Festivals in church 9.15 am KS1 2.00 p.m. KS2
Monday - Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> October- 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent/Carer consultation meetings (hopefully in school). Teaching staff will contact all Parents/Carers to arrange a discussion about their child's start to the school year and update on his/her progress.
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> October	School closes for half term and re-opens on Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November.

Information for each event will be sent nearer the time either from the office or class teachers.  
Dates for next half term will be posted after the October break.  
2021/22 Holiday dates are available under the information tab on the website.

**Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We will send out communications via class e-mail, school website, Tapestry, Dojo, text, phone calls etc. Please contact school if you wish to clarify anything or wish to let us know something.**