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Week beginning Monday September 7th 2020

Thought for the week:

“It is a simple task to make a subject complex but a complex task to make it simple”

Dear Parents,

We have completed our first week in what is now known as the “new normal”. I want to thank everyone for their support in getting the children back to school looking so smart in their red uniforms. Our school has been a sad place since the end of March, to now walk around and see children learning again is wonderful. The children are in “year group bubbles”, these are the children they will write, read, play and socialise with. Their bubbles will also eat together and participate in any after school activities together, until there is a change in the guidance. Whilst it is the “new normal” it should also be “as normal” as we can possibly make it for the children. The children have been away for too long and the most important thing now is for them all to return to school.

Coronavirus. School has a number of new procedures in place to try to make our site and thus the children and staff in it as safe as we possibly can. Firstly, the children will remain in their year group bubbles only for the near future. Secondly new hand sanitisers have been placed at the different entry/exit points into school. The children have been instructed to use the sanitisers each time they enter the building. The staff are now parking next to church to allow us to use what was the car park as an extra playground, helping school ensure children play in their year group bubbles.

If a child/member of staff presents with symptoms they will be directed to take a test, returning to school if the test proves negative and isolating for 14 days if positive. The worst case scenario may see certain year group bubble have to isolate at home. I hope that it will not come to that and the children will not have to miss any more school. To do this we all have to play our part, please encourage your child/children to wash their hands, please do not linger by the school gate and try to ensure you can socially distance yourself from others. Please contact the school office by phone only if you can, and finally please make sure your contact details are up to date and correct in case we have to contact you.

Y5 and Y6. A final reminder that Y5 and Y6 enter and exit school via the main entrance only.



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School Uniform. Thank you for sending the children back to school looking so smart in their red uniforms. Thank you for your support with our uniform policies, it really is a tradition we can all be rightly proud of. Can I remind everyone that **NO** jewellery of any kind is permitted in school and that trainers are not allowed. Thank you to everyone for your support with these matters.

Secondary Transfer 2020-2021. A reminder that the online admissions web site is now open and the secondary school “open sessions” are about to begin. Y6 parents have until the end of October to submit their application form, if any family needs to talk or is unsure about this process please come in to school for a chat. It is a very important decision and my advice would be to visit all your potential schools.

Sacramental Programme 2020-2021. I am meeting with Father Simon and Mr Barton about how we are going to manage this with all the restrictions/guidelines next week. I will write to everyone before next Friday.

Car Parking. Unfortunately, for the near future the car park next to church will have to be used by the staff. This is to enable us to use the car park at school as a playground. This will obviously lead to greater pressure on car parking, traffic and space in and around the car park. Please exercise great caution and patience if you need to use the car park.

New Toilet block. Two new toilets were erected on the playground at the rear of school over the summer holiday. This has helped enormously in keeping children safe in their bubbles. I am very grateful to Mr Wood for overseeing the project.

PSHE Day. Thanks to Mrs Attwood for organising our first PSHE day on Tuesday.

D&T Days. Thanks to Ms Parkes for leading school through their D&T days to end this first week back.

Academic Year 2020-2021

Autumn term 2020	Spring term 2021	Summer term 2021
Wednesday September 2nd to Friday October 23rd	Monday January 4th to Friday February 12th.	Monday April 19th to Friday May 28th
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term
Wednesday November 4th to Friday December 18th	Monday February 22nd to Holy Thursday April 1st	Monday June 7th to Friday July 16th
Christmas Break	Easter Break	Summer Break

Finally, the last few months have been very difficult for all of us. I want to write and thank all the staff and governors for their support during the last few months. My sincere hope is that we can get through a full year in school without any interruptions.

Please pray for: Everyone in our school, and all our Y6 Leavers as they start their new schools.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with these matters.

Mr M Aldred. Head teacher



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