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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome to all our new families! The children have had a great start to the year. The Reception play and stay sessions went really well—it was lovely to see parents and children exploring the learning area together. The children have begun to make friends and enjoy their classrooms. Year 1 have also settled back into school life and are getting to know their new teachers.



Thank you so much to parents for following our Covid restrictions and wearing masks at drop off and pick up. We really appreciate your support. The lining up will get quicker as we move into the term.

It was heartwarming to see all the outdoor playgrounds filled with children this week. We look forward to a fun filled term!

We will send a newsletter out every other week—apologies that there are quite a few reminders in this week's newsletter.

We look forward to working with you and your children this year and into the future as we develop our school. If you have any question, ideas or concerns please do let us know.

Mrs J Fraser

Headteacher

Our new playground

We were very excited to open our new playground equipment this week. We have a fabulous new climbing frame, some running track line markings and some huts to relax in. We hope to be able to show parents these soon!

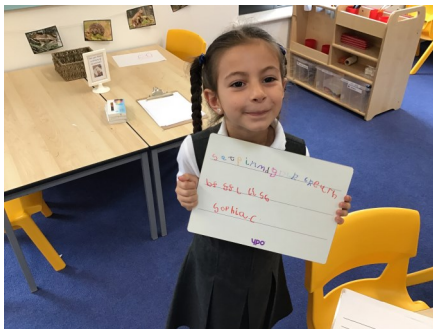


Working together to develop every child
Motivational teaching to inspire success

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Year 1 Tulip Class

Year 1 have had a fantastic first week back at school! The children have been exploring their two new classrooms and have been helping Mr Knight and Miss Gosling settle into the school. The topic for this term is Enchanted Woodland and the children have loved exploring all the woodland activities and resources that we have in Year 1. They have particularly enjoyed building homes for animals, reading information books about woodlands; whilst also practising writing their sounds and counting up to 20.



Nursery Poppy and Daisy Classes

A huge well done to all of the children in Poppy and Daisy Class for such a super start to the term. The children have settled so well and have been very busy exploring our classroom and outside area. We have had lots of fun getting to know each other and learning our new daily routines.



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YR Bellflower Class

Bellflower Class have settled in really well and Miss Bailey, Miss Marchant and Miss McLeod are extremely proud of you all! We have had a busy week exploring our new learning environment, making new friends and settling into school routine. We have been busy completing self-portraits using a pencil and writing our names. We have been working hard on our skills to be independent which we would love for you to continue doing at home. Things such as, putting on your own coat, putting on your shoes, washing your hands and trying to get dressed independently. Have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!



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YR Sunflower Class

Sunflower Class have settled in so well and Miss Cooke and Mrs Campbell are both so proud! We have had a busy week exploring and discovering our new environment. We have especially enjoyed getting into the sand pit. Sunflower Class have made new friends, decided on our classroom promises and have explored the school. We have been trying very hard to work on our independent skills, such as putting our shoes on, coats on, and washing our hands. It would be great if you could continue to encourage your children to practise these skills. We look forward to seeing you next week!





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Helpful Reminders for the Start of the New Academic Year

Drop off and pick up

- In the mornings, the Y1 gate will be open at 8:45am, YR gates at 8:50am.
- Next week Reception should be collected at 1pm on Mon, Tues, Wed and 3pm on Thurs and Fri
- Year 1 collection is 2:55pm
- Each class has a diary to write pick up arrangements, please let the staff member on duty know if your child is going home with someone else. If pick up arrangements change during the day, please ring the office so we are informed. We will not let your child go home with anyone we are not expecting to collect.
- Parents who need to speak to Mrs Dixon can do so by going into the main school entrance or calling or emailing the office.
- Classteachers are able to ring parents after school if you need a chat.

Water

Please can we remind parents that your child is only allowed plain tap water in school, not juice or flavoured water.

Naming your child's property

At the end of each term we always have a large basket of lost property that is unnamed. Please name everything including all clothing, water bottles, shoes and even scooters – all of these have been mixed up in the past! Lost property will be put into a basket in the cloakroom.

Coats

Please can you make sure your child brings a named waterproof coat and jumper to school EVERY DAY as the weather is very changeable. A Pac-a-Mac can be kept in school if this is any help.

Absence

Schools cannot authorise absences, including holidays, in term time unless they are in **exceptional circumstances**. Any requests for pupil leave of absence during term time should be made in advance; please contact the school office for a form. If your child needs to be absent from school for a medical appointment, please let the office know and provide evidence. If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason you should call the school office before 09.00am on the first day of absence. You will need to either provide a return date for your child or contact the office on each morning of your child's absence. If your child has a sickness bug they must stay away from school for 48hours after the last bout of sickness.

School Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their William Morris school uniforms. Please could we request that children have their hair tied up and use small hairbands and bows. Once the children are in full time we will begin PE. Please can you ensure the children have white t shirt, navy shorts, daps/trainers in a small bag.



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Communication

Our main communication method is via email which we use to ensure you are up-to-date with information and news. All newsletters will be sent out on email and put on the school website. If you change your email address or your contact details change, please let the office know. Dates will be added to the last page of the newsletter and updated each fortnight. In case of emergencies or school closure, we may use an emergency text message service.

Allergies

We are a nut free school and no nuts of any kind are brought into school. Thank you.



You can register with CoolMilk directly and your child will then receive a small carton at snack time. Once they are 5 you will need to pay for milk online if you would like your child to continue having a carton at snack time. If your child does not consistently drink the milk the class teacher will advise you and you can cancel their registration.

Birthdays

As a healthy school and due to allergies, please could we ask that children do not bring sweets or cakes in for their birthdays. We will celebrate the children's birthdays with them in school and sing to them as a class.

Equipment

Children should be carrying their own book bags and water bottle into school and wearing a coat. Please could we request only book bags are brought into school. Children do not need a rucksack each day as it doesn't fit in their drawers. In order to recognise their book bag, each child is allowed to put one small key ring onto their book bag. We will begin using book bags later in term when children bring home reading books.

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Public Health England

Message from Public Health England

The Department for Education has worked closely with Public Health England (PHE) and NHS Test and Trace to ensure that we are doing all we can to minimise the potential risks of spread. A key part of this is the appropriate use of testing to help identify people who are positive and subsequently their contacts. We have made testing available throughout the country and anyone with symptoms can book a test **online or over the telephone through 119** to get the certainty they need to protect themselves and those around them.

We want to avoid a similar surge in test demand as England's schools and colleges return to ensure that we continue to prioritise our testing capacity for those with symptoms and to avoid children, students and their families self-isolating unnecessarily.

To ensure we identify those with coronavirus while avoiding a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms, we ask that you recommend to your pupils, students and staff who feel unwell, that they get tested if:

- they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:
- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell, or
- they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse)

If a pupil, student or staff member develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, **only** they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. Unless a pupil, student or staff member has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms, they should only be tested if instructed otherwise by the local authority, health protection team or their GP.

As schools and colleges across England return, pupils and students may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils and students don't need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- you're worried about your symptoms
- you're not sure what to do

 [Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service](#)

Call 111 if you cannot get help online. Do not go to places like a GP surgery, hospital or pharmacy.

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SUNRISE BREAKFAST CLUB

7:30am—8:50am £4 a session and includes breakfast



SUNSET AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Short session 3– until 4:30pm £6

Long session 3-6 includes a light tea £11





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School Diary

September

14th, 15th, 16th YR in until 1pm

17th onwards YR in full time until 3pm

October

Week 5th Harvest festival donations

Week 12th Parent consultation evenings

19th Oct Individual photos

21st break up for half term

22nd — 30th October Half term holiday

November

2nd TD INSET DAY

3rd Children back to school

9th Anti bullying week

13th Children In Need

16th Online Safety week

24th Nov Flu vaccinations

December

11th Christmas Jumper Day

Week 14th Nativities?

18th Break up for holidays

231st Dec—5th January 2020 Christmas holiday

Reminder of future Teacher Training
Days when the school is closed for the
children:

- 📅 Monday 2nd November 2020
- 📅 Monday 4th January 2021
- 📅 Thursday 1st April 2021
- 📅 Monday 5th July 2021