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Dear Parents

Newsletter

Thank goodness it's Friday! I can honestly say that my head is spinning with the constant announcements and changes in rules. However, we have taken the approach of being as 'normal' as possible in school. There have been a few tears today but this is because our children are tired and the reality has set in that we are now back to school after six months at home. I expect to see a few more next week but this is very normal. Staff have been trained to deal with this and are doing an amazing job.

Cllr Towe (the portfolio holder for education) and Trudy Pyatt (Head of Access and Inclusion for the LA) visited school on Monday and were really impressed with how calm and delightfully happy the children are. They really are a credit to you.

Test and Trace

I hope that you found the information helpful, which I sent out this week, about what to do if your child displays any symptoms. We are following this. If I have any concerns or need any advice I call Public Health, who have been excellent. We have been told to be cautious and if in doubt get your child tested. If we follow these rules we should all be OK.

May I also remind you that you cannot gather in groups of more than 6 from Monday onwards. This does not include queuing to come into school.

Cloakrooms

The cloakroom at the back of the school for upper juniors should be completed this weekend. The cloakroom at the front of school should be completed next weekend. The canopy over the middle garden should be completed during half term. I am sorry for the delay but I will not let builders on site whilst the children are in school, unless it is for an emergency repair.



High School Applications

These will be sent to school on Monday 14th September. We will send them out via 'Marvellous Me' either on Monday or Tuesday depending on what time they arrive in school. It is very important that you complete these and return them to the LA. Please make sure you get an acknowledgement that they have received them.

P/E Kits and swimming

We will be resuming swimming from next Thursday for Year 6 classes beginning with Class M (Mr Wilkinson). Mrs Spanos and myself have been in touch with the pool, swimming teachers and Health And Safety Team at Walsall Council and we have been assured that everything is being done to keep our children safe.

In Key Stage 1 and 2 we are asking children to come to school in their P/e kits on P/e days to try and prevent lost clothes and clothes being swapped and the wrong ones taken home. This is working really well. As it gets colder we have no problem with your child wearing navy or black jogging bottoms/ track suits into school.

The children in Nursery and Reception will still bring in P/E kits to get changed into. This is because it is a skill we work on in school. We have plenty of staff to assist and space for the children to get changed.

After School provision

We have been contacted by several parents to let us know that Little Rascals are no longer offering a collection for after school provision. If anybody knows of child minders or alternative provision for parents please can you let us know as this has left some working parents with no support after school.

Wednesday Afternoons

You know that we like to be a little bit different at Old Church and teach our children valuable life skills. For those of you who are new to KS2 our children have an enrichment afternoon on a Wednesday. Normally we mix the year groups but we are unable to do this with Covid so they are being taught in classes with 4 weeks of fun activities. This year the sessions include: Sign Language; First Aid; Sewing. Music, Sports, Godly Play and Forest School.

New Logo

I hope that you like our new logo and tag line below. Both have been designed by Darrell Wakelam, the artist who works with our children. Our new school values are the 4 Rs: resilience (how apt is that this year), relationships, respect and responsibility. As the term goes by I will give you more details on how we are delivering these.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ms Clacy

