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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to the new normal! ☺

### **Returning to school - what a success!**

I have been amazed at the short time it has taken for school to be back to some sort of normality. The children have adapted well to the changes and we are at 100% enthusiasm!

Tweaks to starting and arrival times for families travelling by car:

- please be patient and keep in a queue system. This is working until there is over taking of cars dropping off. If everyone can keep to the same route (use Ferry Road and park alongside St Andrew's church and we will collect the children) hopefully this will get quicker as time goes on.
- Please only park on the church side of the road as this prevents congestion of traffic through the village

Thank you to everyone who is walking to school, this is making the traffic coordination so much easier.

We will be sending the newsletter out every Friday via email, if anyone wishes to have a paper copy sent home please let Miss Baines know by emailing the office so this can be arranged.



### **BIRTHDAY TREATS AND SWEETS.**

Sorry we are unable to allow this until the restrictions are eased a bit. Hopefully, we will be able to resume this in January.



### **READING RECORDS.**

This term we won't be having a home school reading record to save on items being transferred between school and home. In school we will be keeping a regular record of who has read when. We would like you to continue to record your child's reading at home in an effort to win a book prize. Book prizes are given every 2 terms. We will be working towards the end of Christmas term. In order to achieve a book prize, children need to read 5 times a week for 10 weeks (not consecutively). Please can you record your child's reading on the attached worksheet. We would like this then sent to us weekly. This could either be via email as an attachment or the



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children can take a photo and upload to seesaw. This is so we can keep an eye on reading at home as well as in school. We're hoping to have a record number of reading prizes given out at Christmas so get reading!

### YEAR 3&4 MATHS HOMEWORK.

This will be given out every Monday to be returned by the next Monday. The homework this term will be a choice of weekly activities to complete each week.



### P.E

Infant PE will be on a Thursday. Juniors will be having PE on Mondays and Fridays. Children are to come to school on these days wearing full, correct PE kit please. If you're unsure on PE kit please contact the office for more information.

### SPORTS CLUB

We will be having sports clubs on **Thursday and Friday after school**. Those wishing to attend on a day that is not there PE day need to make sure they bring trainers to school with them that day (a change of clothes can be provided also). Sports club will continue to be run by Coach James (Serious4Sport) with members of school staff available on those days also. Pick up at the end of club will be similar to our current end of day procedures however there are no time slots. Coach James and a member of staff will bring your child to your car once club is finished **please do not congregate at the school gate to watch**. Club will finish at 4.30 on Thursday and Friday.

### LUNCHES.

We are day 2 into term 1 and have already noticed bad habits creeping back into kids' lunches. Can we also please remind parents to provide children with relevant cutlery for their lunch (fork for pasta and spoons for yogurts & Jelly's), due to the current pandemic school is not permitted to provide these.



### CORONAVIRUS

In our risk assessment we have planned how to continue teaching on a skeleton staff or remotely if required. We are following all the current government advice and we encourage children to wash their hands regularly (whilst singing Happy Birthday twice!). In addition to the normal evening cleaning, we are regularly disinfecting door handles, cupboard handles and other hard surfaces throughout the day. Therefore, there will be no need for hand sanitisers in school please. Any brought into school will not be permitted and will be stored in the school office and returned to parents at the end of the day.

Guidance on this issue is changing regularly but **'anyone with a "new or continuous" cough, high temperature or loss of taste and smell is now advised to get tested and self-isolate for Ten days.'**

For up to date information please see: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

CORONA VIRUS - GOVERNMENT UPDATES DAILY FROM 2PM ON

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

### SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION.

Often this is the term that the weather deteriorates, so in preparation, please find details below of our school closure procedures. We only close the school under extreme circumstances, and this can include staff unable to reach the school, the emergency services unable to reach the school and/or no heating/electricity.



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School Closure information is outlined below, and we will endeavour to inform everyone by 8am wherever possible.

School closures will be announced on the following radio stations

**HEART (Thames Valley) - VHF/FM 102.6/97.4/102.9/103.4**

**BBC RADIO OXFORD - VHF/FM 95.2**

**JACK FM - VHF/FM 106.8**

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/emergency-school-closures>

Fingers crossed that we do not need this information, but better prepared than sorry!



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**Term Diary Dates 2020/21:**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>INSET</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Start of Term 1
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	End of Term 1
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Start of term 2
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of Term 2
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Start Term 3
<b>12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	End of term 3
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Start of term 4
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	End of term 4
<b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Start of term 5
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>INSET</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	End of term 5
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Start of term 6
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	End of Term 6

