



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/ carers,

Our phased return to school this week has gone to plan. Our systems and routines are already fully embedded into the school day. The staff are fully on board with all the measures that we have put in place and the children are following them to the letter. We are so proud of how well they have settled back in to school, even with the obvious changes that they are adjusting to.

A few observations from this week that I need to request from you are:

- To arrive on time for school, not too early and not too late. This avoids our 2 groups crossing paths both outside and within the building.
- To follow the signage on the field and arrive at the entrance and leave through the exit.
- To provide your child with an extra layer of clothing on chillier days- the classrooms are kept ventilated throughout the day- we can't close windows if it gets cold.
- To **NOT** provide your child with a bag other than one for their packed lunch, although a lunch box is preferable.
- To continue to adhere to all measures as set out in our 'School Attendance Agreement'.

The children need to bring in minimal items to school which they will carry to their desk. Coats and jumpers will be hung on the back of their chairs.

The children must not bring any work into school with them and they will not be able to take any work home.

## Home learning changes

We have not forgotten about those children who are still at home. Staff now have a full teaching commitment so you may see changes to the home learning provision such as more online lessons. The activities set will continue to be designed to support the curriculum for the age group that they are in, and will mirror the topics and work that those children at school are completing.

Being back at school with more children means that will have limited time to arrange Google Hangouts. However, we will endeavour to be in touch with all children each week. Please check the class stream and your child's Google account for details of any planned meet ups.

For any pupils who we do not make contact with, I will be in touch over phone or email. Please keep in touch with us also. If you have any concerns or queries, please call school or email myself or Mrs Sharp

We very much appreciate your continued support.

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to Lottie and her family on the arrival of their baby boy.

Noah was born on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

This is a lovely photo, Lottie.

You rightly look like a very proud big sister!



Just before lockdown, Miss Withey and I re-applied for Healthy School status. Healthy School Status requires schools to meet criteria in four core health themes:

- Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) including Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), Health Education (HE) and Drug Education (including alcohol, tobacco and volatile substance abuse.)
- Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)

These criteria relate not only to the taught curriculum but also to the emotional, physical and learning environment that the school provides.

Our focus for this application was on developing positive peer relationships and increasing physical activity.

I am delighted to let you know that we have just heard that our application was successful and we have been re-accredited for another 3 years.

The panel recognised that there had been an increase in the number of children and young people who are more active within the Physical Activity curriculum and achieve well in competitions against other schools, in particular, Cross Country.

They also commented on our use of the Tapestry APP for Early years as being 'very positive with strong links to parents/carers for sharing learning and progress'.

They saw strong evidence of mental health work in our school and positive work around developing pupil resilience.

The panel also praised the very detailed work that goes in to meeting the individual needs of every child. This is something that we work really hard to provide so it is fantastic to have this recognised.

Thank you as always, to the excellent team of Rodmarton staff who always go above and beyond to meet the needs of every pupil.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

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**Headteacher**



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