



School building Works- Update

This week will see the completion of the foundations of the new school and over the half term there will be more tree work being undertaken and possibly the arrival of a crane heralding the upcoming steel works. The pupils are loving the vision panels that have been cut into the fence and watching the builders at work.

As a result of the playground being out of action, classes in the main school are ensuring that we are getting outside for fresh air and a stretch of our legs. KS1 classes are utilising the EYFS garden so that they get time outside prior to their lunch and all classes are increasing the amount of exercise during the week with 15 minute 'Wake and Shake' exercises and good old fashioned 'PT' on top of their regular PE sessions in the hall. The children have coped brilliantly to all of the changes. We are hoping that after half term the field will be able to cope with us going out in wellies and jogging bottoms as the weather continues to improve. In the summer term, we will be outside on the field as normal.

Thank you for adapting so well to the changes in drop off and pick up and accessing the school. This is working really well for all and we do not have great queues at the classroom doors and foot traffic is flowing well. However, if you are coming into the school site from the College gate, please do not come through to the classrooms before 08.45 or 15.15.

School Dates

The school dates for the upcoming academic year have yet to be fully finalised. This is due to the fact that at some point next year, we will have to close the school for 5 days and move between the old building and into the new building.

We can confirm the following for the Autumn Term 2020:

Tuesday 1 st September:	INSET Day for staff
Wednesday 2 nd September:	Pupils Return to School
Friday 23 rd October:	INSET Day for staff – no pupils
Monday 26 th -Friday 30 th October:	Half Term
Friday 18 th December:	End of Term

Health and Safety Reminders

Dogs are not allowed on the school site as there is nowhere to tie them up safely.

Please avoid crossing the road at the roundabout with your child...we teach the children where it is and where it is **not** safe to cross the road. Always use the crossing, even if it does take a few extra seconds.

Please be mindful of our local residents and their property. Unfortunately we have had complaints about cars being backed into fences and driveways still being encroached or blocked.

If your child has an asthma pump or epipen in school, please check the expiry date to ensure that it is replaced in good time.

Mental Health

In assembly last week, the children were learning that, just like our bodies, we need to keep our minds healthy. They learned about the five ways to wellness which help to maintain good mental health. They are:

- 1) Connect - spend time with positive people
- 2) Take notice - recognise how you are feeling and why
- 3) Be active - exercise your body
- 4) Keep learning - grow your brain

5) Give - do something kind for someone else

Below are some useful websites to find out more are:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

Coronavirus Update

This week the World Health Organization declared that the Coronavirus (2019-nCov) is a public health emergency of international concern; the UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk to the public from low to moderate. This permits the government to plan for all eventualities. Whilst the risk to individuals in the UK remains low, we are following all guidance and guidelines provided by the Public Health Authority detailing the measures that should be taken by organisations and are reviewing the guidance daily.

Based on the scientific advice of SAGE, the UK Chief Medical Officers are issuing the following advice to anyone who has travelled to the UK from the following areas:

China

Thailand

Japan

Republic of Korea

Hong Kong

Taiwan

Singapore

Malaysia

Macau

If you have returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately:

- 1) Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu.
- 2) Call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country.

The advice is clear that any individual experiencing symptoms who has arrived from these areas should:

not attend school or work,
seek advice by phone from NHS 111 and
not return to school/work until **after** medical advice is received.

You can access the latest government information and advice here:

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

Sporting News

Congratulations to the School football team who recently played a very strong Northgate side and lost 3-2 but came back last night with a 12-0 victory against Thorley Hill.

Nursery Class 2020-21

The application process to apply for a school nursery place for September 2020 is now open. Please complete a school form which can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website. Forms must be completed by Friday March 13th. You will only need to complete our Nursery SIF form; there is no LA form or online process to be completed. This year we are hoping to be able to offer 30 hours provision either at school or with the St Joseph's pre-school Nursery.

Mission Statement Awards

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with the Head Teacher award at the end of term for actively living out our mission statement:

Cedar	MARCUS – for showing his understanding of our school mission statement in his actions every day in school.
	MAJA – for being a good friend and showing God's love to everyone around her.

Cherry	ZIVA – for always being polite, kind and caring towards everyone in school and consistently living out our School Mission Statement. RORY – for consistently trying his best in all his work and being a wonderful role model to others.
Elm	ISLA – for always showing care and love towards her friends. For taking time to comfort friends and being an excellent peacekeeper. CIAN – for being helpful towards others and being a kind friend when they are sad.
Fir	MAX – for his thoughtful and considerate nature and for always having a smile on his face. ISABELLA – for being cheerful, enthusiastic and always trying her best.
Hazel	MAYA – for her kind and caring nature and her determination to always help others. She is a wonderful role model to all in Hazel. CARTER – for his fantastic attitude towards all aspects of school life. This shines through in both his hard work and popularity among class mates.
Maple	REGGIE – for his unwavering determination and enthusiasm towards all lesson challenges and for approaching every day with a ‘can do’ attitude. GRACE – for being a kind and caring member of our school community and for always offering a helping hand around the classroom.
Oak	ERIC – for being such a thoughtful and considerate member of Oak class and for his positive attitude towards all aspects of school life. AVA – for being a wonderful example of what it means to live out the school mission statement every day.
Pine	MAX – for being a kind, caring and extremely hard-working member of Pine class. A true role model to all. YANA – for the enthusiasm and effort she puts into every task. Her natural, caring attitude brings a smile to her peers and all adults in the school.
Sycamore	SKYE – for the determination she shows in challenging herself in all subjects. ELLIOT – for being such a cheerful member of Sycamore class and for the effort he puts in to achieve his best.
Willow	LUCIA – for the care, love and kindness you share with all in our school community. FABIO – for your fantastic attitude to every aspect of your learning. SHANNON – for always having the biggest smile on your face and making the most of every opportunity.

DINNER MONEY FOR JUNIORS

Please note: Dinner money must be paid in advance. School meal prices are £2.60 per day, £13.00 per week. You may pay any amount of your choice to keep your balance in credit. Please pay online using the School Gateway system. All you need to do to activate an account is download the school gateway from your app store or visit the website www.schoolgateway.com and click new user. You will receive a message with a PIN number and you can use this to log in. Please be sure the school office has your up to date email and mobile phone number. Two weeks’ notice in writing to Nicky Thompson, our Catering Manager, is required for any changes in dietary pattern.

MILK ORDER

Milk is available to all age groups through the school. If you would like your child to receive mid-morning milk please just visit www.coolmilk.com to register and place your order.

COMMUNICATIONS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS SENT VIA SCHOOL COMMS

29/01/20 Information from School Association

04/02/20 Curriculum Information Letters

11/02/20 Road Safety Survey

12/02/20 Scholastic Book Fair

Finally

It was with great sadness that we heard this half term of the sad death of Mrs Viv Lewis. Viv was a Midday Supervisor and Teaching Assistant at the school for 16 years and always brought a smile and kindness to her work. May she rest in peace.