



FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2020

# School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

It is so wonderful to see all of the children back at school at long last. They seem to be adjusting very well to school routines again and we are very proud of them all. We would like to say a warm welcome to our new children in Reception and also to several other new starters across the school.

Please let us know if any children are still feeling anxious about being back at school, or if anything in your family's particular circumstances means that you or your child need some support from us. Mrs Wilson, our Family Support Worker, is available to talk over the telephone and if you would like to make an appointment this can be easily arranged via the school office.

Attached you will find the termly letters for your year group(s), this lets you know what topics the children are covering this term and any important dates coming up. It also includes top tips on how you can best support your child.

In respect of our Autumn term Parents Evening, the dates for these meetings are currently 20th and 21st October, however please be aware we are currently looking at alternative ways in which to carry out parent consultations. We very much want to bring you up to date with your children's learning as soon as possible but it may be that this year is not via the traditional face to face meetings. We will keep you updated.

We have had a fantastic first week back!

Wishing you a lovely weekend in the September sunshine.

**Sarah Vass - Headteacher**

## Important Dates:

**13th October** - Individual Photographs (following COVID compliant procedures)

**26th October - 30th October** - **HALF TERM**

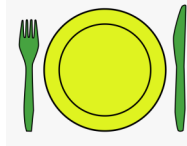
**2nd November** - **INSET DAY**

## Week starting 14th Sept 2020:

### Autumn menu: 3

Please note, for this week only there will be a small change to the menu.

Our supplier is unable to source meatballs and therefore the **RED** option for Tuesday will be Pasta Bolognese. Everything else remains unaltered as per our Autumn Menu. Apologies for any disappointment caused as we know meatballs is a popular choice!



## PTFA School Lottery

### Winners:

Congratulations to the following lucky lottery winners for August;

**1st Mr MacAllan - winning £47.50**

**2nd Mrs L Mainwaring - winning £33.25**

**3rd Miss T Clarke - winning £14.25**

If you would like more information on the PTFA lottery, please contact the school office.



## Drop off and Collection

We have been so grateful for everyone's patience as we have made tweaks to the COVID-19 arrangements for drop off and collection.



Please could we ask that you are not tempted to come early as this causes congestion on the playground and the surrounding paths. It is also very important that you clear the playground, paths and parking spaces as soon as possible. Collect and Go! Your help is much appreciated.

Some of our parents have asked us to remind everyone of the need to park considerately in the neighbouring roads. Goat Lodge Road, in particular, has been affected since our return to school with some people unable to get off of their drives.

Please also consider whether the use of scooters and little bikes, especially for pre-schoolers, might be causing congestion for other path users. Some of our older children walking independently have been spotted popping into the road to get past slow moving traffic!

Finally, we would ask that as much as possible, parents and children maintain social distancing as you come to and from school.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.