

Message from Ms Allen

This week the children have been enjoying spending time with their peers and their new teachers. They have produced some lovely work from lessons taught. On Wednesday afternoon they all had a visit from the adults who were with them last year (keeping to social distancing and the 2-metre rule). We are aware that many of you were very anxious midweek with news of potential cases of Covid-19 in local schools, but you continued to bring your children to school.

Social Distancing

We have added more signs around the school site reminding you to keep a social distance from each other and to follow all guidance, so that everyone feels safe. Please do not sit on the benches or rails and do not let your children use the play equipment before or after school. Entering through the green gate onto the main playground has been getting easier every day and I know you have all started to remember the one-way system that is in place at this point, thank you for your support with this. When leaving the site please walk on the opposite side to anyone coming in, we have made space for you to be able to do this safely. Please continue to drop your child off at the set times. The staggered times are there to ease the congestion. If everyone arrived at the allocated time, we literally halve our numbers.

For Years 1, 3 and 5 Children should arrive between 8.40am -8.45am

They will end the day between 3.05pm -3.10pm

For Years 2, 4 and 6 Children should arrive between 8.50am - 8.55am

They will end the day between 3.15pm -3.20pm

Reception – Children should arrive at 8.50am and will finish at 3.15pm.

Nursery - AM children - 8.30am until 11.30am

PM children - 12.30pm until 3.30pm

Full-time children - 8.30am until 3.30pm

If your Nursery child has a sibling, please drop off in one visit from 8.40am.

Pupil Absences

It is vitally important that you phone the school if your child is absent for any reason at all. Please phone every day that your child is off unless advised not to by the receptionist. If we do not hear from you, having tried all your contacts we have to do a home visit which takes up a lot of staff time. This can easily be avoided with a phone call. We must also have two contacts for your child, this is a requirement for keeping children safe in education, which is a statutory policy.

Children in KS2 can bring in a healthy snack and all children should be bringing in a bottle of water with their name on it. Please also remember to label coats and jumpers with your child's name.

This Week

This week your child should have gone home with a library book, please be assured that they did not go to the library as they cannot do that at the moment. Each class has their own set of library books which will be isolated for 72 hours once they are returned. Thank you to everyone who returned books to us. If you do still have any at home please return them.

Useful Websites

In our PSHE lessons in school the children are learning about keeping safe and in ICT the topic is on-line safety. With that in mind, and with recent media attention on specific content on some online platforms, we urge you to monitor your child's online use. We can offer support in school if you let us know. We have listed some useful websites in case your child has seen something that has caused them distress.

Useful Websites

- [CEOP](#) (Child Exploitation and Online Protection)
- [Childnet](#)
- [Internet Matters](#)
- [Net Aware](#)
- [NSPCC](#)
- [Safer Internet](#)
- [Parent Info](#)

However, with technology becoming so integrated into our lives, it's now more important than ever for parents and carers to be having open and honest conversations about online safety as you would road safety or stranger danger. To help you talk to your child about this go to the [ESCB website](#) there are lots of resources, videos and podcasts for you to access for advice.

If your child was involved in any of the initiatives during lockdown and raised money, please bring it in and we will ensure it is sent to the right place. Well done to all these children for supporting your community and some worthy events.

Well done to Shaurya in Year 6 who received a Jack Petchey award!

Jeans for Genes

Please remember that next Friday 18th September children are allowed to wear jeans to school (with their school top) for a small donation for Jeans for Genes.

Hands, Face, Space Campaign

A new public information campaign has been launched ahead of winter to highlight how everyone can help to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). This week the Prime Minister launched the '[Hands, Face, Space](#)' campaign urging the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak.

Lastly, a big warm welcome to all our new parents. We have had a lot of new children start, children also had their first days in our Reception classes this week and we have also had a large intake into our Nursery. We look forward to working with you all.

House Points - Children have been earning house points, green cards and certificates this week. Well done to everyone who was noticed doing something positive, keep it up

 **Lion House - 232**

 **Griffin House - 227**

 **Dragon House - 210**

 **Unicorn House - 201**

Team Spirit - Children are able to earn Team Points for their house by working together and showing a good team spirit. Children who have been awarded for Team Spirit are as follows.



Dragon House

Ryan in Aspen Class
Matilda in Birch Class



Griffin House

Evelyn-Delilah in Larch Class
Lia in Maple Class
Christian in Cedar Class
Shaurya in Hazel Class



Lion House

David in Elm Class
Miley in Sycamore Class
Patrycja in Chestnut Class



Unicorn House

Francesca in Rowan Class
Erin in Willow Class
Ellie in Oak Class

Stars of the week – to children who have really shone in class and impressed a member of staff.

Leilani in Elm Class
Dexter in Larch Class
Gabe in Sycamore Class
Alex in Maple Class
Shongayi in Aspen Class
Lacey in Cedar Class
Bethany-Anne in Rowan Class

Justin in Chestnut Class
Mia in Willow Class
Jan in Birch Class
Millie in Hazel Class
Joanne in Oak Class



Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2019

18 th September 2020	Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October	October Half Term

More events and details regarding specific events will follow.