

# Mrs Burns' Newsletter

## September 2020

The first two weeks back in school have flown by.  
It has been lovely to meet you as you drop off and collect your children.

### Uniforms

A special thank you for sending the children back to school looking so smart in their uniforms. It is really pleasing to see the school uniform policy followed so well in this school. I think uniform is important as it is practical, smart and gives children a sense of identity with the school.

### Lunchtime

Reception staff, along with mid-day supervisors, are in the hall at lunchtime to help the children settle into the new routines. They will cut the children's food where necessary and encourage them to try everything on their plate. We will always inform parents if their child is reluctant to eat their lunch for any reason.

### Update on the COVID risk assessment

The school risk assessment is now on our website. Thank you for your patience as we continue to implement the one-way system. Please continue to be respectful of space as you enter and exit school and keep to the yellow distance lines.

The risk assessment is reviewed on a regular basis and will reflect Local Authority or national guidelines.

The staff and children have shown us how amazingly adaptable they can be as we have managed new routines and ways of working. I asked the children what their highlights have been this week and they said:

I like learning about super heroes

I like being back with my friends

We do exciting things in school

I like doing maths because it is fun!

### Farewell

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Jo Scent, who has been a valued member of staff for 5 years. She is moving to take up a position at Falcon School. We thank her for her contribution to the school and wish her well for the future.

## **Diary Dates**

1 Oct	Street food lunch
13 Oct	Open evening for prospective parents
16 Oct	Sponsored run
21 Oct	Flu vaccinations
10 Nov	Open evening for prospective parents
16-17 Nov	Year 1 vision screening
W/c 23 Nov	Parent/teacher consultations
8 Dec	Open evening for prospective parents

**Further details of all the above events will be sent nearer the date**

## **Addendum to the Behaviour Policy**

The government has asked that all schools provide an addendum to the school behaviour policy. An example of an additional behaviour would be the expectation that children wash their hands when asked and use the sanitiser at the point of arrival and departure.

## **Assemblies**

I will be leading assemblies in school in the coming weeks on the theme of respect, which is our value for the term.

We're also hoping that the Rev Dean will also lead some acts of worship via Zoom.

## **Assessments**

Teachers have assessed pupils over the past two weeks in reading, writing and maths so that the learning progression is tailored to meet the needs of every pupil.

We are aware that some learning may have been missed during the lockdown period, so teachers will prioritise teaching the key skills in reading, writing and maths to ensure a good understanding, before moving forward to the next steps.

## **PE kit**

Thank you for sending your children in their PE kit on the appropriate days.

## **Friendship bench**

We thank the previous chair of governors, Carol Marshall-Nichols, for her generous gift of a friendship bench, which, I am sure, will be very well used.

## **Catch up**

The government has promised schools the equivalent of £80 per pupil to spend on 'catch up' strategies. We are currently assessing how best to use this funding.

## **Attendance**

Attendance has been very good, with very few late marks. Our current attendance is 97 per cent. Thank you for keeping us so well informed about absences. That helps us with the daily returns we have to make, both to the Local Authority and the Department for Education.