



NEWSLETTER ~ AUTUMN 2020

*Children at the Centre ~ Jesus at the Heart***Happy New School Year:**

Dear families— We hope we find you well. Thank you for your support in the new way of working in school and the way children enter and leave school. We know things still feel strange but our children have been very resilient and have taken all the changes on board. They are happy to be back and we are very happy to see them all. The bubble system and other systems in school are working well.

We need your help to make drop-off and pick up safer by reducing contact between adults.**You must:**

- Y2-Y6: Watch your children into their lines and immediately leave the car park
- Not stay to chat to other parents
- Early Years and Y1 maintain social distance when queueing
- Not arrive before 8.30am or 3.10pm
- Not drive in to drop the children at breakfast club
- Use your child's bag for forms/letters etc
- Telephone the office rather than entering the school

Head Boy, Head Girl and Prefects:

Voting took place during the second week of the new term. For the first time ever, two girls received the same number of votes: Rebecca Miller and Isabelle Spencer. Their names were drawn out of a hat to decide. Congratulations to Isaac Dixon and Rebecca Miller, our Head Boy and Head Girl for this year.

Our school Prefects are Isabelle Spencer, Erin Jones, Louie Dixon, Lucy Bradbeer, Freya Swainson and Erin Jobin.

Religious Education and parish news:**FAMILY is about Relationships, BELONGING is about Community and LOVING is about Hope**

These are the three topics and themes we are exploring in RE in each class this term; all of them very appropriate for these particular times. Never have relationships, community and hope been more important.

Father Albert is becoming a very welcome visitor in school! We are looking forward to finishing the programme for last year's First Holy Communion group and celebrating their First Holy Communion day with them at Church over the next few weeks.

The Curriculum and future Lockdown/working from home

All classes are being taught the full range of National Curriculum subjects and any gaps in learning or knowledge as a result of school closure are being addressed as they arise.

If your child or a whole class /bubble has to self-isolate over the coming weeks and months, GOOGLE CLASSROOM is how teaching will continue and how teachers will keep in contact and give feedback to their class. (Apart from Early Years who will be using Marvellous Me.)

It is expected that all children will participate; it will become their Virtual School and is not optional.

Classes will make use of it when in school so that children are familiar with in case they have to stay at home. There will be information on our website soon to help parents support children to sign up to GOOGLE CLASSROOM. **Any problems, please contact school.**

Online Safety

At any time parents need to make their children aware of how to stay safe online. This becomes more urgent if learning from home on an online platform and using external websites. The website below will help you and your child to do this. There is information for parents and age-related quick activities for children.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

A flavour of some of the work going on in school at the moment:

Year group	Teacher	
EYFS	Mrs Richardson	'Getting to know you' : new friends, new routines
Year 1	Mrs Price	'All About Me', humans and animals (science), more than/less than (maths)
Year 2	Mr Dixon	'Stardust' - a story, How to look after ourselves (Science), History of Schools
Year 3	Mrs Stone and Mrs Hillman	Writing about Volcanoes linked to Rocks and Soils (Science), The Romans
Year 4	Miss M Smith	'BFG' Roald Dahl, The Stone Age, Electricity., whole-class Brass
Year 5	Mrs Clarke/Mr Cox	The Mayans, The Solar System, 'Minimus' Latin
Year 6	Mrs Pratley/Mr Cox.	'Letters from The Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll, The Human Body-the heart, World War Two

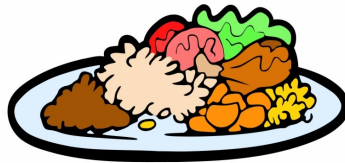


Magic Breakfast:

We have been lucky to receive funding to allow all children to receive a toasted bagel as they start school in the morning over the coming months. Watch this space for further news

Hot School Dinner

We are planning to serve hot school meals after half-term to all KS1 pupils. All KS1 pupils are entitled to a free school meal.



School Holidays/Attendance:

Normal attendance regulations now apply. Holidays will not be authorised during term time and fines might be issued by the Local Authority. It is extremely important that children are in school, particularly as school was closed to most pupils for so long. Please remember to contact school if your child is ill or needs to self-isolate because of possible Covid symptoms or a positive test in your household /amongst close contacts.

Safeguarding:

Our Designated Safeguarding Team consists of Mrs Spencer, Mrs Parr and Mrs Stone. If you have any concerns please contact any member of the team.

We are part of “Operation Encompass” in partnership with the police.

Parking:

Please be considerate when parking on the streets around school. The street directly outside the school gate is a non-parking area during pick up at the end of the school day. Please do not block the gate or access to the school. It is vital that emergency vehicles have access to school at all times if necessary.