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NEWSLETTER 311

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SERVICE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"The greatest among you will be your servant." Matthew 23:11

Dear Parents and Friends,

SAFETY FIRST

We have witnessed a 'near-miss' at the top of the lane between us and our immediately neighbours to the left of the school (as you look at the front). Visibility, for shorter pedestrians (children) and drivers alike at this corner is not good. Please approach this corner with caution, and teach your children to do the same.

SCHOOL NEWS

As promised, I am trying to reduce the number of occasions when I send out information over Class Dojo. However, I am interested in whether the future of the traditional school newsletter is being decided by our circumstances, rather than by what you want or prefer.

So I have created a simple 2-question survey about whole-school news, with the following options:
Would you prefer -

A newsletter (.pdf file) by email

A newsletter (.pdf file) via Class Dojo

Frequent (small) updates via Class Dojo

Regular (i.e. weekly/fortnightly) updates of a larger size

Please complete this survey here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h-Q3pwyCLkOPhVIVzQ_DvqiBNO-02pGqWBXaGmVHV9UNTFKTzIHMEZMMTUxNE5PQzICWDMxRUoySC4u

ARRIVAL TIME

We are very conscious that our drop-off times do not support you in your efforts to social distance. From Monday we are enacting the following change. The Class 1 & 2 bubble will still be welcomed in at the 'new-normal' regular time of 8:45 a.m.

However, brothers and sisters of these children, who attend Classes 3 & 4, will also be allowed entry into the older bubble at the same time This supports your speedy exit from our site, avoids 'mingling' and reduces the pressure on parking spaces etc.

CAN YOU HELP?

There is a collection of items at the school gate awaiting transportation to the local tip/recycling centre. Please help yourself if you have capacity. Bookings are still required by the council.

Last year a number of parents researched or otherwise typed up the lyrics to a number of songs. Although singing in school is still disallowed, any offers to complete this task would be appreciated. Before the lockdown happened, we sent nearly every child home with a blue 'presentation' style book with plastic pockets. We'd love to have back at school. Sadly, we have had less than half returned so far.

We have had 32 of the 'Parent Response to the Annual Report' sheets returned. Please find time to complete these for our records.

Sadly, we have decided to disallow the bringing in of cakes etc on a pupil's birthday. Similarly, certificates etc earned outside of school. We will review this when restriction are relaxed.

In your packed lunches, we highly recommend water only, since we have observed that some children are in the habit of 'bathing' their teeth in sugary squash throughout the day.

Children in Years 4, 5, 6 AND 7 – the older classes are missing a large number of reading books. So far, our response to the COVID pandemic has cost the school around £3,000 – money which we will NOT be able to claim back. To be without reading books is putting our already stretched resources to the limit.



COVID-19 UPDATE

As we work our way through the multiple scenarios associated with Covid-19 (symptoms, testing and attendance at school), we've updated our guidance (see below).

Stay safe, and thank you for your part in enabling the school year to start so well.

Mr B.