

October 2020

Full reopening of school

It has been lovely to finally welcome everyone back, this September and to once again hear the voices and laughter of children fill the school. Staff have been very impressed at how quickly most children settled into school and how familiar they are already becoming with routines.

All of our children have been learning our 4 simple school rules **Be safe, Be kind, Keep trying, Show care**, to ensure that their school experience is a happy one with lots of fun learning.

Year 2 has enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London this half term and were very understanding when staff set fire to some of the houses they had built! Year 1 has been learning about how plants grow and growing their own beans. Mulberry class has had a big focus on keeping safe, including fire safety. Reception and Nursery have been exploring their new environment indoors and outside and learning about harvest and autumn.



Remote or Home Learning

In case we are instructed to close the school again, or in the event of having to send a year group 'bubble' home, or a child needs to self-isolate, we have put in place some home learning ideas on our school website. There will be more information about home learning if and when it is needed.

Travelling Bedtime Stories & Maths Monkey

After half term we will be sending out maths monkey and the travelling bedtime story, for you and your child to enjoy at home. Your child's class teacher will share more information about this after the holiday.

Our school library

Over the last few weeks, children have been visiting the new school library and choosing books for their class. Currently each 'bubble' is using it on a weekly rota to ensure we are covid safe.



Up to Date Contact Information

If your contact details and/or the details of those named as second point of contact **change at any point** during the academic year please can you inform the office as soon as possible.

Uniform

This is a gentle reminder that we expect children in main school to be wearing school uniform, every day except PE days. Please see class/year group letters and notices for when these are.

School Lunches

From Monday 9th November we are planning to offer hot lunches in the classroom. Menu will be available on the school facebook and website very shortly.



Parents' Evenings

This year we will be holding parents' evenings for Y1 and 2 during the week beginning Monday 16th November. Look out for a letter after half term, explaining how we will be organising them, during the pandemic.

Reception families received a letter earlier in the term explaining that they would be offered a meeting, the week their child is a 'focus child'.

Term Dates next half term:

Monday 2nd November	School reopens after half term
Friday 6th November	Ooky Spooky day (more information to follow)
Friday 13th November	Children in Need (letter to follow)
Week beginning Monday 16th November	Year 1 and 2 parents' evenings (more information after half term)
Thursday 26th November	Flu vaccinations main school
During December	Virtual Christmas performances (more information to follow)
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas

Dropping off and collecting children

Thank you for your continued support with our current arrangements. We will continue with the staggered start and end times until further notice.

Nursery: AM 8.40 -11.40am PM 12.30 -3.30pm

Reception: 9.00am – 3.05pm

Year 1: 8.50am - 2.55pm

Year 2: 9.10am – 3.15pm

Please arrive at the appointed time to avoid getting cold and wet.

As always, please ensure that if you need to drive to school, you do not block residents' drives, or park on yellow lines.

Saying Goodbye

This month we say goodbye to Mrs Frost who is leaving after more than 20 years. We wish her well in her new venture

School closes for half term on Wednesday 21st October