



## Message from the Head

### Mrs Woods

Welcome back to the Spring term...although it does not feel much like Spring at the moment. I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break with your family and friends and that you were all well enough to enjoy it. Sickness hit us all hard last term, with attendance percentages in the low 80% - which is very low and concerning.

Last term we sent you a new parent handbook, via Parentmail. I hope that this goes some way to answering your general questions. If you feel that there is some vital information missing that would be helpful for parents, please do let us know so that we can include it, ready to be reissued at the beginning of next year.

This term my focus will be on developing an exciting and engaging curriculum linked to clear learning objectives that will support better progress and outcomes. The teachers will be working on interesting contexts to learning that will inspire pupils and encourage them to have curiosity. This will be a longer-term project that will take us into next term.

In worship this week we talked about our presentation in terms of uniform, shoes, hair etc. please support your child in looking their very best of each day of school.

Congratulations to our new ambassadors...Lucy and Adhrith !  
Please say hello to them at the gates.

### School day

Please be reminded that we have adjusted our school day to ensure that we can get the most learning into each and every day.

Gates opening as usual at 8.40am, and closing at 8.50am when the registers will be taken. Children who are later than 9.00 am will be marked as late.

In the afternoon the gates will open at 3.10pm for pick up and close at 3.20pm.

Thank you for making a great start with these new times!



## Severe Weather Planning Procedures

With the weather being unpredictable at this time of year, we felt it would be a good idea to remind/inform you of our severe weather plans, so that you are all aware of the procedures and therefore prepared for the worst.



In the event of severe weather, our planned response will consist of three options:

**Option 1:** School open as normal. This assumes the majority of roads are just about passable and most staff are able to make it into school. Normal lessons will take place, although there may be some internal flexibility required if one or two staff members are unable to make it.

**Option 2:** Partial opening. School will be open and parents/children and staff will be encouraged to come in, but only if they can do so safely. In this situation, we will be able to offer lunch, and a decision will be made about wrap around care. Depending on how many staff are able to make it in, we will endeavour to provide as normal a day as possible for children.

**Option 3:** Full closure. This will be activated if either the site cannot be made safe in any way, or the conditions are so severe, even walking is ill advised. Please avoid driving onto the school site as road conditions will be treacherous. We will aim for a decision to be communicated re. opening/closure by 7:15 a.m. as follows:

- A Studybugs message sent to all parental contacts. Please ensure that school has your current mobile number, and that you have signed up to the Studybugs app. If you are not using the app, then Studybugs messages will go to the email address that we hold on record for you via ParentMail.
- A scrolling message on the home page of our website. The school website will be updated regularly during periods of poor weather conditions.
- Your class teacher will post a message on your child's Google Classroom page with any work for the day.



Studybugs

If you haven't already, please download the free Studybugs app.

We will use this app for parents to report absence and as a way for home and school to communicate more effectively.

Please read the Parent handbook for more information about the ways in which we will now communicate.

## Leave of Absence

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days within 6 weeks (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

### If your child is ABSENT from school due to sickness...

Please send a Studybugs message let us know the reason your child will not be in school.

Please do this by 8.30am on each day of absence.

If we do not hear from you by the time the registers are taken we will contact you directly.

#### RED – STAY AT HOME

Vomiting & Diarrhoea – Children who have a sickness bug &/or a diarrhoea bug must stay at home for 24 hours after their last bout. This will be increased to 48 hours if we notice an increase in these type of absences.

Rash – A rash can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses such as chicken pox and measles. If your child has a rash, please check with your GP or the local pharmacist before sending them into school.

Temperature – if your child has a temperature of 37.8c or above (or hot to touch) please keep them at home until the temperature subsides.

#### AMBER – TAKE ADVICE

Headache or Cold – A child with a minor headache or cold does not usually need to be kept off school.

If the headache or cold is more severe, or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as a raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep your child at home until they feel better.

#### GREEN – COME TO SCHOOL

Minor cold

Sore throat (not linked with any other symptoms)

Feeling tired



We will always contact you if your child becomes ill during the school day.

If you have a medical appointment during the day you will need to send evidence via office@

More details can be found in the parent handbook that was sent at the end of last term

**DIARY DATES**

<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Reception and Key Stage One – Burglar Bill theatre performance
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	First aid lesson– Reception – Year 6
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Jan - 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	Year 4 swim - coach provided
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Reception Height and weight check
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 6 Residential Meeting with Mrs Putland – 3.15pm in classroom
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 1 trip to Wilflife Centre. FOTO – Movie night – see their newsletter and Facebook for updates.
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Last day of half term
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Back to school
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	FOTO - Spring Bonnet Disco
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Fantastic Fred – mental health and resilience – Reception – Year 6
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Year 5 Residential meeting with Mrs Sutherland – 3.15pm in classroom.
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	FOTO – Easter Egg hunt
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	End of term – early finish 2pm
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	INSET DAY – school closed to children
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Back to school
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	May BANK HOLIDAY BANK HOLIDAY – King’s Coronation
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Key Stage Two SATs
<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 Swimming
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Last day of half term
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	INSET DAY – school closed to children
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Back to school
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL – NEW DATES
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	FOTO – Summer fair !
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Last Day of term – finish 2pm