

Snainton Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter

Friday 11th September, 2020

It has been lovely to welcome your children back to school this week. They have looked very smart in their new uniforms and have shown a positive attitude to their learning throughout the week.

As is always the case in schools, we have had instances of headlice this week. We hoped they might understand the new social distancing guidance but, sadly, they have still been around. Please continue to check your child's hair regularly and treat it, when required. School can obtain treatments so, if you are finding it difficult to source, please let me know and we will provide this for you.

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Parents Evenings

Class teachers would like to meet with parents and carers slightly earlier in the school year compared to previous years. At this meeting we will share our current assessment of your child's academic progress and attainment. Staff will also share any gaps in your child's learning that have been identified as well as sharing strategies in place in school to support them to 'catch up'. Just as importantly, staff will share ideas that you can implement at home to support your child's continued progress.

To ensure our meetings can be completed safely, staff will meet with one family after school each day over the period of 2 weeks. If you have children in more than one class, you will meet with both class teachers on the same evening. It is okay for your children to attend the meeting with you but they will not be allowed access to classroom resources. Meetings will commence on Monday 28th September until Friday 9th October. Appointment times will be 3:40pm at the end of the school day.

Parents and carers can sign up to an appointment by seeing Mrs Roberts at the school gate each morning from Monday 14th September.

Dates for the diary

14th September

Robbie Hawkes PE for Maple and Silver Birch

Week beginning 14th September

All Clubs start

18th September

Forest School

21st September

Robbie Hawkes PE for Maple and Silver Birch

Week beginning 28th September

Parents Evening 3:40pm

28th September

Robbie Hawkes PE for Maple and Silver Birch

2nd October

Forest School

5th October

Robbie Hawkes PE for Maple and Silver Birch

7th October

Flu immunisations

12th October

Robbie Hawkes PE for Maple and Silver Birch

16th October

Forest School

23rd October

Break up for half term

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Forest School

Mrs Bond will be overseeing the Forest School provision this year. Forest School will take place fortnightly on Fridays. On these days, children can arrive to school wearing their Forest School kit. Please check the uniform policy for suggestions of Forest School clothing. Mrs Roberts will continue to send a text reminder about Forest School the day before.

Forest School dates for this term are as follows:

Friday 18th September

Friday 2nd October

Friday 16th October

Friday 13th November

Friday 27th November

Friday 11th December

PE

PE remains an important part of the school curriculum. This year, we will once again welcome the team from Hawkes Health to support our PE curriculum delivery. Each Monday morning there will be a PE session for Maple and Silver Birch Class. Your child is allowed to attend school wearing their PE kit on Monday's. I will review this arrangement in several weeks and make alterations, if required. Please ensure your child has jogging bottoms and a jumper for colder days as PE will take place outside as much as possible. The team from Hawkes Health have very clear risk assessments in place to ensure your child remains safe during their PE lessons. Mrs Roberts will send a text reminder about PE kit for Mondays.

Attendance matters

As I said in my letter dated 3rd September, attendance in school is vital this year more than ever as we seek to 'close the gap' following school closure last academic year. Having said that, we will be sure to support all parents and carers if your child displays symptoms that are on the NHS list for Covid-19. Please liaise with school in these circumstances and we will provide educational resources that you can use at home to support your child. Overall attendance this week was 96%. Well done to everyone as this is higher than our average in 2019-20. More than 20 of our pupils have 100% this week – congratulations to each of you.

School photographs

We have postponed the school photographs that typically take place in September as we are strictly limiting the number of visitors in school to essential visitors only. I hope that you understand the need for us to do this at the moment. Tempest photography will now visit school in the Spring Term to conduct their annual school photographs of the children. As usual, after their visit, you will have the option to purchase any photographs for your family collection.

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Contact details

Mrs Roberts has sent out the current contact information school has for your child. Please look at this carefully and confirm that the details are correct or update the contact details and return them to school. It is vital that school holds up to date information for all parents and carers as part of our full opening plans to comply with 'Track and Trace'. Please return the form as soon as possible.

Parent questionnaire feedback

Many thanks to all the parents and carers that responded to the school questionnaire in July. Your thoughts and feedback are always valued and I want to share an overview of them with you. School received 10 responses to the questionnaire.

90% of parents and carers indicated that your child is happy, safe and enjoys being at our school.

There were very specific reasons given where this was not the case and I will follow this up with parents and carers individually.

All parents and carers agreed that teaching and behaviour is good. All parents and carers agreed that school deals with any cases of bullying well.

All parents and carers agreed that your concerns are listened to and that school is well led and managed.

There were suggestions made and I thank you for sharing these. There were requests for wrap around care, in particular after school provision as well as a suggestion for a full day nursery provision in Oak Class. These options will be considered and consultations are starting in September.

There were some very complimentary comments about the level of dedication of my staff and I thank you for noticing their hard work and commitment to our school. I will share these with staff on your behalf.

Oak Class consultation

As outlined above, school received a suggestion that nursery provision should be extended to include 1 full day. I have already discussed this with staff and we agree that this would enhance the offer for our nursery pupils. The school bursar is currently completing a cost analysis of the impact this would have to the school budget.

In the meantime, it would help school to know which parents and carers would take up the option of a full day, if this was available to you. Please email or call the school office to advise school whether you would take this option for your child. If so, which day would best suit the routine for your child? (admin@snainton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Once we have received your responses and the cost analysis from the bursar, school governors will make an informed decision as to whether this is something that we could proceed with or not. I hope

Wrap around care

School currently has a Breakfast Club from 8am with a healthy uptake of pupils.

Following the suggestion made in the parent questionnaire, it would be useful to know if there is any demand for school to commence with an After School Provision. This would be facilitated by a member of staff and would likely be open until 5pm.

Please email or call the school office to indicate if this is something that you would take up for your child, if it was to be available. If so, which days would best suit your family routine? (admin@snainton.n-yorks.sch.uk)