



## Weekly Newsletter - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - Autumn Term

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**Executive Headteacher, Mrs S Hulme. Chair of Governors, Mr B Tomkins**

**Safeguarding Statement:** This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

**Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School:** Mrs. S Hulme **Nursery & Infant School:** Mrs. M Quinn.

**Safeguarding Deputies:** Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs H Nicholls, Miss F Sullivan & Miss E Bryant **Safeguarding Governor:** Mr. T Richmond

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful first week, with the majority of the children in school, settled and back to routine, learning in their own class. The children have responsibly followed the school safety measures around the school as instructed and have put new life once again into each building.

Please accept the huge thank you to our families who have positively responded to the many requests when introducing our new drop off and collection routines. These measures impact on staff well being too, whilst we keep the school open and fully functioning in the interest of the children's education.

Please note that all school policies are in force and that we will be sending out the new Home School Agreements to be signed by pupils and parents in the first instance as a promise of support and continued cooperation for the school.

### Speaking to school staff

Please be reassured that we want to continue our individual conversations, especially if we need to resolve concerns but we do ask that an email is sent giving some indication of the issue and it can then be followed up with a member of staff. No parents will be able to speak to staff on an adhoc basis during this restrictive period but we still want to confirm our commitment to working with each and every family. We do not have any Parent Consultation Evenings booked as yet as we await further updates from the government but are planning to fulfil our responsibilities in some form. More information will follow early in October. Meanwhile please be in contact with the class teacher by email with any queries that need immediate attention- thank you.

### Alert! Traffic enforcement

Information from Sutton Highway and Transport has been sent as an additional email.

### Washing of hands (Prevent measure)

We continue with the practice of frequent hand washing in school. This includes installing some outside washing facilities in each school. This is in addition to facilities in class and the cloakrooms. Please note that children should not be bringing their own soap or sanitisers into school.

## Spirituality

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September - 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The arch in our Memorial Garden is now decorated with memory petals which last year's Y6 made during their retreat day. They brighten up the area and are a lovely reminder that our school community extends beyond the school gates. We continue to remember these pupils in our prayers.



## News for the week

### COVID safety measures

In working together during this time - please be respectful to others by only having one adult entering the school grounds when accompanying children.

### Jackets

We are also asking for you to support our risk assessment by sending your child into school whenever possible with a school jacket (navy/black) that can be folded up and able to be stored in school within their PE or school bag. This reduces fabrics being hung in shared areas. Thank you.

### School Governor Ballot

Nomination Forms will be distributed next week. Over the years we have been most fortunate to have had committed parents as part of our School Governing Board. This role is of huge value as the representation of our school families.

### Message from the Reception teachers

Please could children practice washing their hands, using a knife and fork, turning their jumpers inside out and putting on their coats and cardigans/jumpers at home. Thank you as this is a huge help.

### Medical Appointments - informing the school office

Please can all parents be advised you will need to inform the school office about medical appointments in advance and if possible bring in a copy of the letter prior to the morning of the appointment.

If you wish to learn an instrument this year, please contact the teacher directly to arrange lessons. Your teacher will be in touch with you to liaise when lessons will commence in school.

#### **Infants -**

PIANO                      Mr Z Mancuso                      [zino\\_music@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:zino_music@yahoo.co.uk)

#### **Juniors -**

PIANO                      Mr P Aslangul                      [philaslangul@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:philaslangul@yahoo.co.uk)

VIOLIN/VIOLA              Miss A McDade                      [amcdviolin@me.com](mailto:amcdviolin@me.com)

CELLO                      Mrs D McGregor                      [debbiecelloteacher@gmail.com](mailto:debbiecelloteacher@gmail.com)

GUITAR                      Mr J Freedman                      [jules.freedman@outlook.com](mailto:jules.freedman@outlook.com)

BRASS (trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone) Mr P Martin                      [paulmartin37@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:paulmartin37@hotmail.co.uk)

## Dates for the Diary - 2020-21

Please check both school's dates for the diary to ensure no dates are missed!

(Dates which are crossed through indicate cancellation due to COVID-19 restrictions, dates with TBC next to it means 'To Be Confirmed'.)

NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL		JUNIOR SCHOOL
Nursery Group C session All Reception children in full time	<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	
Nursery Groups A & B session	<b>Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	
Nursery Groups A & C session	<b>Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	
Nursery Groups A & C session	<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	
Nursery all children in for shortened session – Please see your letter for times	<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	
Nursery all children in – Full session	<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	
Virtual PTA AGM at 8pm	<b>Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Virtual PTA AGM at 8pm
Individual & Sibling photo day	<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Individual & Sibling photo day
<b>SCHOOL FINISHES</b>	<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>SCHOOL FINISHES</b>
<b>SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM</b>	<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM</b>
<b>SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM</b>	<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM</b>
<b>INSET DAY 3</b>	<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>INSET DAY 3</b>
<b>SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM</b>	<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM</b>
<b>SCHOOL FINISHES</b>	<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>SCHOOL FINISHES</b>
<b>SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM</b>	<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM</b>
<b>SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM</b>	<b>Weds 31<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	<b>SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM</b>
<b>INSET DAY 4</b>	<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>INSET DAY 4</b>
<b>SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM</b>	<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM</b>
<b>MAYDAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>MAYDAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>SCHOOL FINISHES</b>	<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>SCHOOL FINISHES</b>
<b>SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM</b>	<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>SCHOOL STARTS 8.45AM</b>
<b>INSET DAY 5</b>	<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET DAY 5</b>
<b>SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM</b>	<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM</b>