

Tuesday 8th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see all the children happy to be back at school and working well in classrooms again. I would like to thank you all for your cooperation and support in making sure all the new structures and systems we have in place are being followed.

Yesterday, we had the pleasure of the new Wrens being in school for the first time and our school community is now back to some normality with all classes attending.

Afterschool Club

We now offer a competitively-priced Afterschool club which runs until 5.30 every day. The club is supervised by school staff. Please contact the school office if you would like more information or to book your child in.

Head Girl and Head Boy

Congratulations to Noah and Isabella for becoming the new Head Boy and Head Girl, and to Dinu and Lyla for becoming Deputies. I am looking forward to working with the four pupils in supporting all of the children across the school.

Bags

A couple of parents have commented on the children not being able to bring their normal bags into school. Unfortunately, this is still the case as we need to have our corridors as clear as possible to enable the children to move freely either side of the corridors. Corridors and classrooms also need to be cleaned regularly and efficiently and this is so much easier if they are clear.

Children may bring a book bag, a drawstring PE-style bag or other small bag, but not their normal back packs at the moment as they take up too much space.

PE

A reminder that children should come to school in their PE kit on the days they have PE, which are:

Wrens	Mondays & Fridays *	Kingfishers	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Robins	Tuesdays & Fridays	Woodpeckers	Mondays & Thursdays **
Swallows	Tuesdays & Thursdays	Nightingales	Mondays & Thursdays
		Eagles	Tuesdays & Thursdays

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Please could children bring a spare pair of trainers and socks in case they get wet or muddy on the field. We will let you know when children can wear their football boots.

As the weather gets colder, please also make sure children have their PE sweatshirt and jogging bottoms.

* Wrens – Mrs Ford will let you know when Wrens will start PE.

** Woodpeckers – we hope Woodpeckers will be able to start their swimming lessons after half term. We will let you know when we have confirmation from Five Rivers.

Arriving at school

School starts at 8.50am. It is so important that your child is here for the start of the day. We appreciate that there are some issues with parking at times and that we are all getting used to the new routines. If you are late arriving, please bring your child to the main front gate and ring the buzzer as all the gates are locked at 9.00am.

Free school meals

If your circumstances have changed over the summer and you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office so we can help you with this.

Café and Community Fridge

The café and community fridge at St Michael's church are now open from 11-2pm if anyone is in need.

Medical advice

If you have called 111 for medical advice, our office staff won't be able to give any other advice than what you have received. Please follow the advice given to ensure the safety of all staff and families within our school community.

Goodbye to Mrs Shield

On Friday, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Shield, who has been with us for over 11 years. Mrs Shield has worked exceptionally well as the school business manager and she has ensured that many projects have been successful including the new building development we have in progress today. We wish her all the best as she joins Mr Shield in their family business.

Miss Beldham will continue to be in the school office and will be joined by Ms Andrews who will be working in our school two days a week. We look forward to welcoming her to our team next week.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Alun Richards

Headteacher