

Friday 19 June 2020, forthcoming events for the week commencing 22 June 2020			
Monday	22.6.2020	9am-3.30pm	Key worker children, nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 in school
Tuesday	23.6.2020	9am-3.30pm 5pm	Key worker children, nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 in school Deadline for ordering school lunches for WC 29.6.2020
Wednesday	24.6.2020	8.50am-3.30pm	All year groups return to school
Thursday	25.6.2020	8.50am-3.30pm	All year groups in school
Friday	26.6.2020	8.50am-12.40pm 1pm	All year groups in school School closed to everyone as weekly deep cleaning takes place

Welcome back

As we begin to get some sort of normality back to our daily lives, I write to say that my weekly newsletters have started again. This is the first weekly newsletter since March 6 and it feels good to be writing it again. I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

I am pleased that we have been able to develop a plan that safely allows all of our children to return to school if you have decided to send them back, pending governor approval, next week. It has been wonderful to have nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 back in school and we can't wait to see those children coming back next week too. It's been a very strange few months as we have adjusted to the new normal and move our school almost entirely online. It's feels good to be able to get back to school proper and offer the children a chance to get back into the business of school for a few weeks before the summer holidays. I am indebted to my colleagues who have shown a remarkable willingness to make this plan work and all agreed that getting school open again as quickly as possible to as many children as possible was the right thing to do; colleagues, thank you!

Goodbye to Mrs Duncley and Mrs Hanham

It is with a heavy heart that we will say goodbye to two of our wonderful colleagues at the end of this academic year. Mrs Duncley has taken retirement and will be sadly missed in her role as a brilliant Teaching Assistant. I have invited Mrs Duncley back into school when things get back to normal so she has a chance to say goodbye to everyone properly. We also say goodbye to Mrs Hanham who has decided to take up a new challenge at a new school. We will miss both colleagues very much indeed and Southfield will not be the same without you both; Diane and Caroline, thank you for your service to our school!

Staffing for September

I am working on the assumption that school will be back to normal come September and we will have all children back in school, but of course I won't know this for sure for a few weeks yet.

In consultation with my teaching and teaching assistant colleagues, I have been working on the staffing plan for September. In usual circumstances this is fairly straight forward but this year we have been presented with a number of challenges which we have needed to take account of. First and foremost is the fact the vast majority of our children have missed out on 3 months of being in school. When considering this plan, I took this in account along with the fact that the teachers who know the children best and will be able to identify their gaps quickly come

September are the teachers the children were working with when school paused in March. Where it has been possible, I have tried to keep classes with the same staff they were with in March. I feel that the staffing structure we have for September is the best one we could have created. One of the other things we needed to take into consideration is the low number of children coming into our reception class in September. To allow for the best possible outcome for our current reception children and our new reception children, we will be joining those year groups together next year.

Obviously, we won't be able to complete the usual 'going up day' activities with the children but we will make sure that the children get the best possible start in September and planning has already started for what that may look like. The plan for staffing for September, on the assumption we are back to 'normal', is below.

Year group	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistants
Nursery	Mrs Reynolds	Mrs Venables and Mrs Price
Reception and Year 1	Mrs Meadows and Mrs Verey	Mrs Brown
Year 2	Miss Onions	Mrs De-Frates
Year 3	Mrs Thompson and Ms Williams	Miss Heathrington
Year 4	Mrs Jordan and Mrs Metcalfe	Miss Stott
Year 5	Miss Jarvis	Mrs Abdulla and Mrs Simpson
Year 6	Mr Elliot	Mrs Bonney

The caveat to this plan is that it may change if there is no change in Government advice by September. I will, of course, keep you updated with any changes in Government advice and guidance.

Thank you!

I need to finish this first weekly newsletter back by saying a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us during the last few months. Firstly, thank you to you! Without the help of parents and carers throughout the last few months we would have really struggled. I know it's been challenging, especially if you have also been trying to work from home and have small children (I know this from personal experience), but the support you have offered your children at home and the work you have sent us has been amazing and you should be very proud of what you have achieved in the last few months, so parents and carers, thank you!

I need to also put on the record my thanks to everyone on my team who have been utterly amazing during this lock down period. It has really felt like everyone has pulled together and it's been a real team effort to keep things on track, colleagues, thank you for all you have done in the few months.

Enjoy your weekend everyone and we will see many more of you next week; something I have been wanting to say for the last 3 months!

With best wishes,
 Matt Green
 Head Teacher