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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can imagine, it has been an absolute delight to have the children back in school. The laughter, chatter and smiles have returned, lighting up the building. Hooray!

The staff have been very busy over the summer holidays getting classrooms and resources prepared, ready for the term ahead. We are all feeling extremely positive about the year ahead, and hope that this year can be free of the disruptions and problems caused by Covid in the last couple of years.

As you know, this year there are quite a few changes in place in terms of staff and structure.

Firstly, I would like to say a big hello to you all, and I very much look forward to working with you over the next few months as temporary Deputy Head. I am holding a Zoom meeting next Wednesday morning at 9.30am to have the chance to meet anyone who wishes to tune in and say hello. If you would like to join me, it will be on the link:

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74343136494?pwd=UnEvK20yNGtiSGdZWm9zVkdNTTkxQT09

After such a lovely long break, if you have forgotten the new teaching structure, it is as follows:

- Class 1 = Mrs Garner and Mrs Edwards
- Class 2 = Miss Burrows
- Class 3 = Mrs Crouch, Mr Ball and Mr Baxter
- Class 4 = Mrs Crossley—May and Mrs Slater

If you missed the 'Meet the Teacher' Zooms last term, please feel free to say hi to our new staff members, they will be delighted to meet you! We have the same wonderful team of Administrators and Teaching Assistants.

There will be emails sent out by next Monday with details of your child's topic, curriculum overview and general routines (homework, PE etc). As a heads up beforehand, Mr Tyrrell will still be doing PE for all children on Fridays , and homework will start in two weeks time.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Mr Baxter

Please wear a facemask at all times when coming on to the school grounds to collect/drop off children.

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Covid Restrictions

As you will appreciate, keeping children, parents and staff safe from Covid are still at the forefront of our minds. As previously shared, we will be mainly be sticking to the same Covid precautions as before the summer holidays. This will be true until we feel confident that we can keep children safe without them.

To summarize:

- Key stages will stay as bubbles , and will stay separate from each other in school as much as possible
- Children will wash their hands regularly throughout the day
- Children will be dismissed at separate gates (top gate for KS2 and the Class 1 gate for KS1)
- Staff will wear facemasks around the shared spaces within the school (but not in classrooms while teaching)
- Parents are asked to socially distance when dropping off/collecting children, and to ***wear a facemask at these times***
- If a child shows Covid symptoms, they must complete a full PCR test with a negative result before coming back to school

The main changes to the previous precautions are:

- If a child or member of staff in a bubble tests positive, the other children and staff in that bubble can still come into school following negative daily lateral flow tests
- Children's tables are now to be arranged in groups, rather than forward facing lines

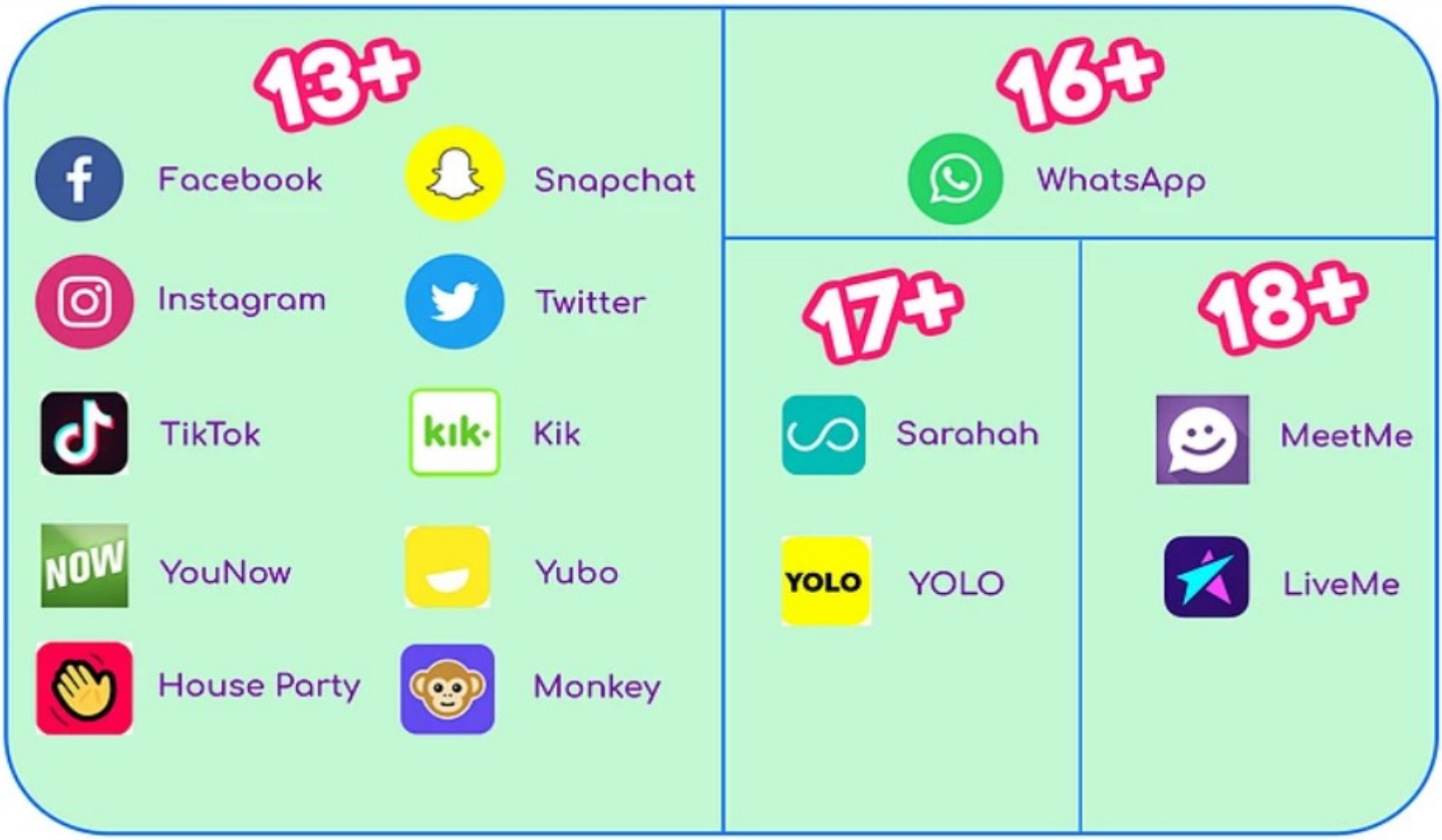
We thank you in advance for helping keep everyone safe by adhering to these rules. If you have any queries or questions about any of these points, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Lunch Clubs

We are delighted to announce that we can now offer a range of lunchtime clubs and Mrs Lunn's dance club after school on a Wednesday.

Details of these clubs, and how to sign your child up for them, will be sent out shortly.

A Guide to Social Media Apps and their Age Ratings



Social Media and Internet Safety

This term, Internet safety will be a big focus in school. Please see the above table with the age restrictions for these popular Apps.

It might be surprising to you that all of these Apps have been deemed inappropriate for all Primary aged children. Please keep your children safe and happy by not allowing them to use these Apps, and by monitoring what they do and access online.

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Diary of Events			
Wednesday 15th September	Forest School Year 5 am Year 6 pm		
Friday 17th September	Year 3 / 4 Bikeability Level 1 (details to follow)	School	All day
Tuesday 21st September	Recycling workshops (children to wear old clothes that can get messy all day)	School	All day
Thursday 23rd September	Cont. recycling workshops (children to wear old clothes that can get messy all day)	School	All day
Friday 24th September	Year 3 / 4 Bikeability Level 1 (details to follow)	School	All day
Monday 11th—Wednesday 13th October	EYFS Balanceability + Year 3 / 4 Bikeability Level 1 (details to follow)	School	All day
Monday 25th—Friday 29th October	Half term		
Thursday 4th November	Theatre Alibi School visit	School	AM
Tuesday 16th November	SCARF PSHE workshops	School	All day
Friday 17th December	Last day of the Autumn term—Merry Christmas!		

Term Dates

2021 – 2022

Autumn Term 2021 begins Wednesday 8th September 2021

Half-term 25th to 29th October 2021

Second half of term starts on Monday 1st November 2021

Autumn Term Ends 17th December 2021

Spring Term 2022 begins Wednesday 5th January 2022

Half-term Monday 21st – Friday 25th February 2022

Second half of term starts on Monday 28th February 2022

Spring term ends on Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term 2022 begins Monday 25th April 2022

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022

Half-term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022

Second half of term starts Monday 6th June 2022

Non Pupil Day on Friday 8th July 2022