



Friday 4th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I'd like to say how impressed I have been with all the children these first few days back at school. They have adapted well to being in a new class, with a new teaching team and of course added to that all the COVID-19 related measures in place. The school has felt calm and purposeful.

Next Friday we will be resuming awarding 'Star of the Week'. It really saddens me that we cannot invite parents in and celebrate all together as a whole school, however I feel that we still mark each classes 'Star of the Week'. Because parents can't be part of this assembly, the certificate has been modified so that teachers can write more detail explaining why 'Star of the Week' has been awarded. I will announce each classes 'Star' via video on Class Dojo (so you can see this) and teachers will present the certificate in class. Each child will also get a badge the same as has been awarded last academic year.

We will be continuing to use Class Dojo for Years 1 to 6 to set some aspects of homework and as a platform for communication between teacher and home. I have attached our updated Homework Policy with this letter; appendix A fully details our protocols and procedures for how we use the platform moving forwards.

I am really pleased that we are able to offer a few clubs through Free Style. Football is on offer for all children in Years 1-6 and Archery for Years 3-6. All activities have been fully risk assessed. Bookings are made directly with Free Style, please see the separate attachment. We will again be using the Sports Premium to subsidise these clubs to reduce the cost to parents.

On Tuesday 8th September (next week), we will be filming a video about our school to go onto the school website. The completed film will be approximately 3 minutes long and is aimed at providing prospective parents an introduction to our school as sadly I cannot do parent tours in the same way due to current restrictions. We will of course be following what parents have signed with regards permissions for photography and filming. If you have any concerns or queries about this, please get in touch.

Being caught up in ending the Summer Term and getting prepared for reopening in September, I had forgotten to announce our appointment to the role of SENCO. Miss Chantelle James is now our SENCO and she is already settling into the role well. If you wish to have a discussion regarding your child's special educational needs, the first contact is through your child's class teacher. Your class teacher works closely with Miss James to ensure each child's needs are met and they make good progress. If you have a concern about your child's welfare, for example, you are seeking advice on sleep routines or there has been a change in family circumstance, again, please discuss this with your child's class teacher who in turn will seek my advice, as necessary.

Finally, I'd like to say 'thank you' for your continued support, this has helped with a really positive start to the Autumn Term. Not even new rules and routines have held us back!

Best wishes,

Jamie Pardon

Headteacher