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Dear Parents,

It was so lovely to welcome the children and yourselves back to school on Monday. Most children seemed very happy to be back at school and to see all their friends, while teachers were so thrilled and excited to have a full class of children again. All classes returned, with Early Years children attending for half-day sessions and I am happy to report the morning children were all happy returning this morning!

We were all a little nervous about welcoming the children back yesterday; you as parents were naturally anxious, as were we with the huge responsibility of keeping your children safe. Luckily, by keeping things as low-key as we were able to within the constraints of our risk assessment, very few children showed any anxiety, although many needed support with becoming familiar with routines. But all in all, a great day!

#### Start of the School Day

This morning ran much more smoothly than yesterday morning, so we will continue to open the gates at 8.30 am and they will be locked at 8.55 am. Your child may arrive at any point between those times and go directly into their class. Monday morning was a little chaotic – understandably given the great excitement of the children and the worry of adults. We hope that things will run in a much smoother manner from now on. Could we please ask you to disburse from the school grounds and vicinity as quickly as possible following the drop-off of your child to accommodate social distancing as the longer parents wait around, the more congested the area becomes. Temperatures are taken at the start of the day in class and if there any issues parents will be immediately contacted by phone. Children will also have their temperatures taken in class during the course of the school day.

#### End of the School Day

Pick up looked very different this week and thank you to all for your co-operation. The most significant change at pick up time is for parents with children in Year 4 and Year 5. Previously parents had waited on the path/grass directly outside the classrooms. Currently we cannot permit waiting in this area as it is an access route and a pinch point. Please could you all make your way onto the playground and wait at the red and white post with your child's class signed on the floor. Years 2 and 3 will be released directly from the classroom to you, while Years 4 and 5 will be brought out onto the playground by the canopy and will be sent to you by the class teacher. Year 1 parents should make their way round to the Year 1 garden where the floor is marked with an area for you to wait for your child.

#### Celebrations

As previously mentioned, we are unable to perform nativities etc. this year but we felt it such a shame that we wanted to do something. We have therefore decided to put on outdoor candlelit carol concerts for each bubble so that you can come along and see your child perform whilst celebrating the birth of Our Lord. A list of dates is attached. Father Rick will be visiting the school to celebrate socially distanced class masses but sadly at this time we are unable to invite you to attend.

We know that some children like to treat their classmates on their birthdays. If you wish to send in a treat to celebrate your child's birthday, please note that we can only allow pre-wrapped sweets, eg Haribo.

#### After School Club

There will be 3 after school clubs:

Tuesday – Football club Y4,5 & 6 (up to October half term) Y1,2 & 3 (after October half term)

Wednesday – Y1,2,3 Sports Club (40 pupils max.)

Thursday Y4,5,6 (40 pupils max.)

Have a good week.

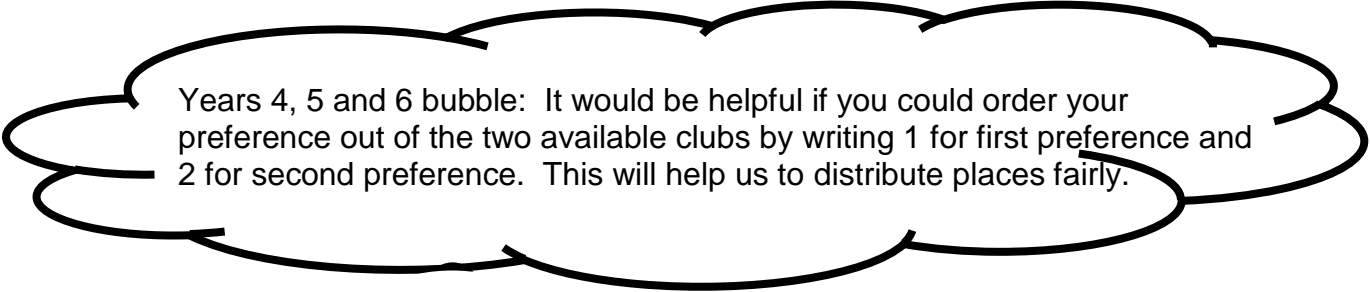
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Dates Planned for Academic Year 2020/21 (may be subject to change)

<b>September</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	Non Pupil Days
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	After school clubs start this week
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Art Enrichment Day
21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment week
<b>October</b>	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cultural History Enrichment Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening 3.10 - 5.00pm via zoom
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening 3.10 - 6.20pm via zoom
26 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term Holiday
<b>November</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Return to school
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School Photographer – individual and sibling photographs
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Prospective Early Years Parents Evening Show Around 3.30, 4.15pm 5.00pm
<b>December</b>	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y1,2 & 3 Outdoor Carol Service – Parents Welcome
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class outdoor Christmas songs
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y4,5 & 6 Outdoor Carol Service - Parents Welcome
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for after school clubs. Clubs resume on 11 <sup>th</sup> January
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas jumper day and Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations in school
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school for pupils (1.15pm finish)
<b>January</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS information meeting
<b>February</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Pupil Day
15 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pupils return to school
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mid Term Reports to Parents
<b>March</b>	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent Consultations following Mid-Year Reports 3.15-5.30
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – children can dress up as a book character
<b>April</b>	
29 <sup>th</sup> March to 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school
<b>May</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bank Holiday
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term
<b>June</b>	
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Multiplication Assessment Y4 starts
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Afternoon 1.15-2pm (EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3 ) 2.15pm ( Y4, Y5, Y6)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Afternoon Reserve Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	New EYFS Parent Information Meeting
<b>July</b>	Y6 Celebrations TBC
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Break up for the Summer 1.15pm

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE NUMBERS ARE LIMITED FOR EVERY CLUB



Years 4, 5 and 6 bubble: It would be helpful if you could order your preference out of the two available clubs by writing 1 for first preference and 2 for second preference. This will help us to distribute places fairly.

I would like my child to attend the following clubs.

Date	Club	Please tick
Tuesday 3-4 pm	Football club Years 4, 5 and 6 (20 pupils max)	
Wednesday 3-4 pm	Years 1, 2 and 3 – Sports Club (40 pupils max)	
Thursday	Years 4, 5 and 6 – Sports Club (40 pupils max)	

**RETURN TO SCHOOL BY THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT THE LATEST.**

**PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED ON FRIDAY MORNING.**