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Dear Parents and Carers

As I typed the date for this week's newsletter it really did make me feel quite emotional... mainly as the time is going far, far too quickly and the end of term is fast approaching, but also because we are a third of the way into July now and the weather feels a little like October!! Let's hope the forecasts is correct and the sunshine returns soon for us all to enjoy a little more outside.

It has been another busy week in school and at home with lots and lots of learning taking place.

- Bubble Ra and Rb have been super, super busy segmenting and blending words for reading and writing with some great outcomes.
- Bubble 1a and 1b have been continuing their work on the Harry and the Dinosaurs book series as well as going out for nature walks and hunts.
- Bubble KW have been continuing with year group learning as well as their project on Dinosaurs, which has fully engaged lots of children, who were lucky enough to see some fossils this week.
- Bubble 6a and 6b, after their core learning in the morning, have been putting their designs into practice in supporting a wider school project based on EYFS development. We have many talented crafts people on our hands.... We can't wait to show you their creations! (Here is a sneak preview...)



Designing



Marking out in teams

Entry times to school:

As we approach the end of term we are of course planning for the start of the new term. We would really appreciate your cooperation with the new times for Bubble opening from **next week**, as we move towards a new system ready for September. THE ONE WAY SYSTEM IS STILL IMPORTANT, **EVEN MORE SO**, when we have a steady flow of children back to school.

- KW Bubble – **8:45am-3pm**
- 6a and 6b Bubbles – **8:50am until 2:55pm**
- 1a and 1b Bubbles – **8:55am until 2:50pm**
- Ra & Rb Bubbles – **9:00am until 2:45pm**

Please arrive at school as close to your entry time as possible so we can trial the swifter entrance and exit from school whilst maintaining the safety of everyone with this system. Thank you 😊



Breakfast Club

In September we will be running a breakfast club for essential spaces only. This is due to the current guidance which recommends keeping children in pure classes for all learning and tasks. Bubbles will continue to operate and will not mix during the day.

However, in order to manage a breakfast club provision, which is essential for some people, we will operate in a new location – the hall and will have separate year group bubbles spread across this space.

Breakfast club will still be charged at £2.25 per session and will serve toast to each child, in the mornings.

All breakfast club places will need to be booked in advance. All bookings will need to be made by Friday for the following week, through Mrs Price or the school office. Costs accrued will be added to your school money account for payment. Please complete the Google form if you need an essential space at breakfast club. <https://forms.gle/DWYqyUW9EdmD6pvg7>



Pencil Cases

Since schools have been open from 23rd March, children have had their own sets of stationery. Every child in school is equipped with their own pencil cases, including crayons, scissors, glue, pencils, pens, ruler etc... This will continue in September too. Children will not be allowed to bring in their own pencil case from home. We will continue to provide every child with their own pencil case and will replenish them as needed.

I am sorry this Y5 and Y6 only privilege is temporarily stopped, but this is necessary in order to avoid the unnecessary transfer of items from home and school.

School Uniform

Children attending school have been wearing uniform throughout lockdown and more recently, PE Kits on PE days. This will still continue in September. We will inform you of PE days before the start of the school term. From September all children will need to wear their full school uniform to school, this includes:

Grey trousers, grey shorts, grey skirt or grey pinafore dress with a white blouse or shirt and a green and grey striped Gatten and Lake tie. This can be worn with a bottle green jumper or cardigan. If the weather is bright and sunny a green and white gingham dress can be worn instead. White polo shirts can be worn in KS1 and EYFS. Shoes must be plain black – no logoed trainers at all.

To support all families we are having a **uniform sale** next Friday before the final week of term (Friday 17th July). We have laundered a plentiful supply of donated second hand uniform. Please come to the school office **from 10am on Friday 17th July** and the staff will be more than happy to assist if you would like to purchase for a small 50p donation per item. As this is not new stock we hold, we have a variety of sizes. We will require a socially distanced queue in order to help everyone and we cannot allow children to try on the uniform, to then give back to the school. We hope this is supportive for lots of families.



Pupil Premium funding

Please don't forget if your situation changes, you are welcome to apply for Pupil Premium funding which enables additional funding to be released to support your child – this comes to school and we use this in many ways but we can offset costs of up to 50% on school trips and offer additional benefits to support you as a family. It will also entitle you to daily free school meals for your child. Please see the attached form, to complete and return to school if you would like. If you would like a paper copy sent to you. Please telephone the school office.

Holiday Club

Please can you call pre-school if you have any interest in holiday club provision over the summer holiday. Ideally any expression of interest would be gratefully received by Tuesday 14th July.



The last day of this term is Wednesday 22nd July 2020. Our development days are due to be spent reflecting on, reviewing and rewriting aspects of the school curriculum, in order to allow for at least a term of blended learning.

We will open again in September for children in Y1 to Y6 on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – we truly cannot wait to welcome everyone back to school.

We are currently rewriting reopening guidelines for September and aim to have these with you as soon as possible.

Have a super weekend everyone. I hope you can enjoy some outside time, in the lovely weather we are expecting (hopefully less wind than last weekend)

Kind regards,



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