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Week 2 at THT!!

Well, week 1 went OK...although the lunchtimes took a bit longer than we originally planned for. Therefore, as I let you know in last week's Newsletter, Years 3 to 6 are now all eating lunches in the classroom.

This week, the children are now in their 'normal classrooms'...so just to recap:

Y3, Y5, Y1 will arrive at 8.45-9.00am and finish at 3.00pm. Year 3 will access school by the side entrance (nearest Church) and be collected from here. Year 5 will enter school through the main front door and Year 1 will enter and leave by the pupil gate and enter school using their classroom door.

Y6, Y4, Y2 will arrive at 9.00-9:15am and finish at 3.15pm. Year 6 will enter and exit school by the side entrance (nearest Church). Year 4 will enter through the main front door. Year 2 children will enter and leave through the pupil gate and enter school using their classroom door.

Our "New to Reception Group A" are to arrive at 9.30am and be collected at 12 noon today, 1pm tomorrow and then 3pm after that. The same sequence will be used for Group B next week.

I've noticed that one or two relatives are picking up / dropping off our children. This is not a problem...but please make sure that relatives know 'which door and what time'.

A couple of moans... I've been trying to think of how to phrase this politely...but I'm struggling, so here goes...

1. Dropping Off and Picking Up - I know that some parents / carers need to 'hang around' school as they are dropping off children to different classes at different times. However, if you do not have to stay for a longer period of time, please can we ask you (politely) not to linger - so that we can maintain as much social distancing as possible. Please also be careful if you are waiting by the main entrance as staff cars will still be entering and exiting the car park.

2. Messages to the Office - Where possible, if messages could get to the office by phone or email before the school day starts, Mrs Sudworth and Mrs Lee can get the message to the teachers through the registers - rather than 'bursting bubbles' and going to the classrooms. Thanks!!

Reading Books and Records

All of the children have been provided with their reading record and a school reading book. Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, reading books need to be quarantined once returned to school for 72 hours.

Therefore, we will only be changing books on Mondays and Thursdays. Don't forget that it is important to please hear your child read at least every other night.

Phonics

Phonics lessons are beginning this week. Due to the need for children to remain in their own class bubble, we have had to limit the number of Phonics groups that we run. Therefore it is likely that some children may be placed in a group which repeats some of the work they have previously covered. This consolidation is useful after such a long break. Please be patient. When the teachers feel it's appropriate, Year 2 and Year 1 will continue to have spelling tests, the lists will be put on Dojo for a Friday test.



At the present time the Government Phonics Screen that was delayed for the current Y2 pupils has been re-scheduled to take place this Autumn term. The Phonics Screen for current Y1 pupils is still scheduled for June 2021. If you feel you would like to refresh your own Phonics skills, LCC are running online training for Reception / Year 1 parents called "Fun with Phonics" 5.30-8.00pm on Tuesday 29th September. We will get more details about this to you next week.

Water Bottles in School

Please can I ask that these are brought into school, 'fresh' each day filled up with water. This stops queues at the taps and water fountain.

We have a new batch of School Water bottles in stock priced at £2.00 each, orange lids for Infants and Blue Lids for Juniors. If your lid breaks, we do sell these separately, priced at 75p each.

Water bottles and KS1 book bags are available to purchase via ParentPay and will then come to you via class.

Our New Welfare assistant

We welcome Mrs Jane Colclough to our welfare team, who will be working alongside Mrs Van Dijk for some of the week and then looking after our youngest ones at lunchtimes from Wednesday onwards.

Mrs Lashmar (who works in our before and after school club) is also joining our welfare team for 2 days a week.

Year 6 and PE

As pupils in our Year 6 class are growing quickly into young ladies and young gentlemen, we usually let them get changed in different rooms. However, at the moment, we cannot facilitate this. Therefore on the Year 6 PE days we are allowing the Year 6 cohort to come to school in PE clothing for the day. They will need to wear shorts and a T Shirt on both days (Wednesdays and Thursdays), but will need a warmer top and bottoms for when they are outdoors. Mr Skinner has also posted you a message on the Year 6 Class Dojo.

Message from Fr Soady

A reminder that the Harvest All Age Eucharist will be on Sunday, September 20th at 9.30am on Facebook....please 'log in' if you can!

Meet the Teacher Evening and Other Events

At this time of year, we usually hold a 'meet the teacher' evening where you are invited into school, not only to meet your child's teachers, but also to find out about the routines etc. for the year.

I'm afraid that the COVID situation has not gone away, or subsided enough, so 'Meet the Teacher' evening is another event we are having to cancel.

The teachers will be writing a Topic Letter to you instead, which will come out to you soon via and the App and the Website.

We have put quite a few of our usual events on the School Calendar for the year, as we usually do, because I like to plan ahead...but obviously we don't know as yet as to how many of these events will go ahead...or are subject to change.

Keep reading the Newsletters, looking at Facebook and searching the App for all the latest information.

Click [here](#) to see the School Calendar for 2020 / 2021... and [here](#) for the 2020 / 2021 Term Dates.

Mobile Phones

One or two of our Year 6 pupils have a prior arrangement with school, so that the children can bring their mobile phone into school as they walk home on their own. Under the present circumstances, these cannot be taken to the office and locked away securely as they have been in the past. Therefore any mobile phone brought into school will be stored in an individual plastic wallet and kept in Mr Skinner's classroom.

Please consult with Mr Skinner or Mr Smith if any phones are being sent in. I am afraid that the school does not accept any responsibility for any mobile phone that is stored in school.

Celebration Worship

I will be recording the first Celebration Worship of the year on Friday, with the usual 'Star of the Week' from each class and a Headteacher Award.

As I am planning on letting all parents see the recording by publishing it on Class Dojo, I will not be using photos or the last names of the pupils, unless I have prior permission from you.

Mrs Birkby's Honey

Mrs Birkby's bees have continued to go to work during Lockdown and there is now some Birkby Honey for sale. This will be sold outside the Year 1 Classroom after school on the Monday and Tuesday of next week from 3.00 until 3.30pm.

Large jars are £7.00 and smaller jars are £5.00 - please bring the exact money in an envelope if you would like to buy some and see Mrs Birkby after school on the 14th and 15th. Don't forget to socially distance!!

As always...thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith
Headteacher

Did you know...

Our school Facebook page was set up in May 2016 and is getting more and more popular.

503 people (accurate on 8th September 2020) have 'liked' the page and 541 'follow it'. Not bad to say that we have 194 children in the school this year!! If you are not a 'follower' of our Facebook page, but would like to... the link is below:

<https://www.facebook.com/tarletonholytrinity>

I'm also thinking of starting a Twitter Account for school...useful or not??