



September 11th 2020

Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year, more than any other year it is an absolute delight to welcome all of the children back into school. It has been such a long time since we have seen some of the children and we can't believe how much that they have grown.

Attendance

I am pleased with the attendance rates since we opened last week. You are clearly keen for the children to return to school and trust that we have created a safe and engaging environment for the children. It is extremely important that the children are in school every day to ensure that they do not miss any learning. Guidance has been sent out today to support you if you have concerns about your child showing possible Covid 19 symptoms.

We will not be listing class attendance at the moment and we will not be holding our weekly and termly attendance awards until further notice.

Adults entering school

Whilst we are restricting access to the school for non-urgent reasons; there will be circumstances when a parent/carer might be invited into school. We will ask all adults who enter the school to sanitise their hands, have their temperature taken and to wear a mask. We reserve the right to refuse entry if these request cannot be met. This is not something that we want to do but in these difficult and unprecedented times, we have to do all we can to reduce the spread of the virus.

Head Boy and Head Girl

It is a pleasure to announce that our head boy and girl are Toby Kelsall-Wood and Imogen

Ranfield. They have been awarded their badges in front of their year 6 peers and were clearly very popular choices within the class. I am sure that they will be just fabulous in their roles. They will help us in many ways throughout the year and I am sure you will see and hear from them soon.

House Captains and Vice Captains

Imogen and Toby's first job was to award the badges to our new house captains and vice captains. Year 6 children needed to apply for these roles and make a presentation to the Year 6 cohort.

Our House Captains this year are:

Warburton - Miria
Warren - Faith
Mainwaring - Eva
Leycester - Daisy

Our Vice Captains are -

Warburton - Paige
Warren - Jess
Mainwaring - Adam
Leycester - Ciara

Lunchtimes

I am pleased to say that lunchtimes are going well. After a few teething problems in the first few days, the children have all adapted well to the systems that we have put into place. Our younger children have between 30 and 40 mins in the hall to eat their lunch and our older children have 20 minutes. The vast majority of the children have finished their lunch well before this time.

Homework/Reading books

We have sent a letter home earlier this week with guidance on our current system for homework and home reading. Details of this will also be placed on each class page on the school website. If you have any queries then please use the school planner to contact the class teacher, speak to myself or Mrs Jeffrey on the playground or catch the class teacher at the end of the day.

After School sports clubs from ASM sports

We are pleased to announce a new sporting partnership. We have joined up with ASM sports who are an established and well respected provider of sporting lessons and clubs. The sports coach, (Nick) has already begun delivering lessons to our children from Nursery to Year 6 once a week. They are also running a club for each 'bubble' on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The school has subsidised the cost of the club so it only costs £1 per week. Demand has been very high and we have increased the numbers who can attend. Sadly, we have still not been able to accommodate all of the requests. We will be offering further clubs after half term.

Parking

Can all parents and carers please be careful where they park when picking up and dropping off. There are clear signs outside the school stating when and where people can park. We have been contacted by a resident who has been unable to leave their drive on more than one occasion due to it being blocked by a parent/carer from our school. Thank you

Free School Meals

Since the Covid 19 situation took hold, we have found that many of our families are eligible for Free School meals who have not previously applied. Can we please ask that you contact the school office to check to see if you could qualify and we will do everything that is needed to help you.

Many many families and children have benefitted from being registered for this over the past 6 months and we are passionate about ensuring all children and families who qualify, receive all of the support that they deserve.

Not only would this benefit you and your children but the school would also receive additional funding that we would use directly to support the children with accessing after school clubs, school trips, residential visits and learning resources in school.

Whether a child is entitled to pupil premium is confidential between your family, the class

teacher and the senior leadership team. The rest of the school community (including governors) can only see anonymous data.

Please see Mrs Crosland in the office or visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm or call 0300 123 5012 to see if your child is entitled or to make an application.

And Finally

We look forward to a successful year and working in partnership with you.

Yours Faithfully,

Simon Cotterill

Head Teacher

Diary Dates Ahead

Please check the school website regularly and remember all letters are put on to the website for your added convenience.

14/09/20 ASM Sports Club begins - Y5/6 Football
15/09/20 ASM Sports Club begins - Y3/4 Alternative Sports
16/09/20 ASM Sports Club begins - Y1/2 Rising Stars
24/09/20 Governors Meeting
22/10/20 Governors Meeting
23/10/20 SCHOOL CLOSES

02/11/20 SCHOOL OPENS
19/11/20 Governors Meeting
08/12/20 Governors Meeting
18/12/20 SCHOOL CLOSES

4/01/21 SCHOOL OPENS
