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NEWSLETTER 2

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For further information about schools re-opening please visit: gov.uk/backtoschool

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to start by saying a big **thank you** for all that you have done to support our re-opening plan. The children have been coming into school calm, happy and ready to learn. It has been lovely to see smiling and enthusiastic pupils, all looking very smart in their full uniforms.

There have been a number of messages and instructions passed onto you recently and I wanted to thank you again for your understanding and co-operation. Many of these have come from the local authority or the government. I included a very important message from South Gloucestershire council in my last newsletter, but I have copied key points again for your information:

*If your child has these recognised symptoms, you must inform the school and then get tested. The following are now recognised symptoms of COVID-19: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste. You should book a free coronavirus (COVID-19) test through the [online booking portal](#). We have been given a very limited stock of home test kits which can **only** be issued to parents and carers for a child or young person in exceptional circumstances. Please book a test through the online portal in the first instance please.*

We have been asked to pass on additional guidance about self-isolation:

If you have been instructed to self-isolate because you are a contact of a confirmed case, or in quarantine due to return from foreign travel, then a negative test result does not mean you can end isolation early. The virus can take time to develop and so a test early on does not prove that you won't go on to develop the virus. That means you could still be at risk of spreading the disease to other people.

Can I also remind all parents and carers dropping off/picking up children to keep to the correct times as this reduces chances of cross-contamination of bubbles. We have put these times up on our gates to help you. **Please do not arrive late or early at either entrance point unless you have children in different bubbles, in which case you can send them both in at the earlier time.** Teachers are all in their classrooms from 8:30am to welcome these children.

Here's hoping that the lovely sunny weather continues into the weekend and that you can all enjoy it.

Best wishes,

Mark Hilliam,
Headteacher.

Volunteers

We are doing our very best to limit numbers of adults working in our class bubbles. Therefore we are unable to accept the kind help of parent volunteers at present. We would like to thank you if you have offered and will keep your details on file so that we can ask you to return again if and when the situation changes.

Safeguarding:

We have noticed that at collection time different family members –or friends – sometimes pick up your children. Please let the office know if you are changing your pick up arrangements as soon as you are able either by telephone or email. This is to ensure we safeguard all of our children. Thank you.

A reminder about school lunches from the office:

Please ensure you log onto Parentpay to order either a school provided meal or indicate if your child has a Home Packed Lunch with them. Due to the current situation if a meal is not indicated your child will be provided with a school packed lunch which will be chargeable for KS2 children. Teachers no longer take dinner registers and the office are unable to break bubbles to check for missing meals.

Ready Respectful Safe

3 Bs - our new behaviour code of conduct for children:

You may recall that just before schools closed for lockdown we launched our new behaviour code. Children and staff now follow the 3Bs:

- **Be safe** – in school, in all that you do. We keep everyone safe.
- **Be ready** –ready to learn, ready to listen, ready to work.
- **Be respectful** – of each other, of adults, in all our actions, in alignment with school and Gospel values.

Teachers have been talking to their children about this and making posters with their classes. We hope to choose a winning entry to use as a poster around the school. If you would like your child to make a poster at home, please do as it could be our winning design! Please post any completed posters into the silver letter box at the front of the school so that we can quarantine them. The deadline for entries is Monday, 28th September.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday	1 st	September	INSET DAY 1
Wednesday	2 nd	September	INSET DAY 2
Monday	22 nd	February	INSET DAY 3
Friday	28 th	May	INSET DAY 4
Wednesday	21 st	July	INSET DAY 5
Tuesday	22 nd	September	Yr. 3 Clean Air Workshop by the Road Safety Team
Wednesday	7 th	October	School Open Day (tours at 9.30am, 11.20am and 2.00pm)
Thursday	8 th	October	School Open Day (tours at 9.30am, 11.20am and 2.00pm)
Monday	12 th	October	Harvest service (virtually via Microsoft Teams)
Wednesday	14 th	October	School Open Evening for Prospective Reception Parents at 6.00pm
Thursday	22 nd	October	Individual School Photos
Monday	26 th	October	Half Term

*As summer into autumn slips
O give me grace today
To rise and turn
as summer's leaves
Draw life and strength
from heavenly rays.*

(*first line from Emily Dickinson)