

St Aidan's Newsletter



September 2021

Welcome back

Welcome back to everyone! It has been brilliant to see all of the children again. They have settled in really well and are adapting well to our new routines!

Staffing News

We have a lot of new members of staff in school this year. Miss Dunning is the new teacher of Sycamores class, Mrs Wendt has returned to cover Miss Carrie's maternity cover in Maples class. Mrs Menzies has also taken over my teaching responsibility in Elms.

Miss Leaver, Miss Ireland and Miss Scott have also joined us to work as Teaching Assistants across EYFS and KS1. They have all been made to feel very welcome.

Congratulations to Mrs Traba who is expecting her second baby. She will begin her maternity leave in the new year.

The Governing Body are continuing the process of recruiting a permanent Headteacher over the coming two terms.

Covid-19 Measures

Thank you for continuing to socially distance during drop off and collection times and for wearing a face covering where this is not possible.

School Lunches

Our school lunch uptake continues to be extremely popular and we served far more school lunches last week than we had anticipated. They are excellent value for money and all of the children enjoy the varied menu. I would hugely encourage all our parents/carers to consider the option of a hot meal, especially coming into the winter.

If your child brings a home packed lunch could you please do your best to supply your child with healthy choices. (No products containing nuts). Items must

also be able to be opened independently.

Please remember no fizzy drinks and plastic bottles/containers only for drinks.

Absences

It is essential that if your child is absent from school you telephone the school office giving the reason for the absence. Please note that specific details are required and reporting him/her as just "unwell" is not sufficient.

We would always advise that if your child is unwell you keep him/her at home until he/she is fully recovered. If you suspect that he /she may be presenting with COVID-19 symptoms then please arrange for a COVID-19 PCR test. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child, or anyone in your household develops these symptoms please arrange a PCR test and advise school immediately. If the result is negative your child will be able to return to school and if it is positive then you will be advised of the period of self isolation for him/her.

If your child is suffering from sickness or has diarrhoea, **it must be 48hrs** from the last episode before they return to school.

School Parking

Can we please ask that parent/carers park **SAFELY** and **LEGALLY** at all times. Please be considerate to our neighbours by not blocking their access or parking on pavements.

Leave of Absence

Please note that NO absences will be authorised during term time except for exceptional circumstances.

Uniform

The children looked incredibly smart when they returned last week.

Children have quickly adapted to the new routines of changing for PE. Please remember to include suitable outdoor clothing. Should the weather start to change, a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a top may be needed, particularly if PE takes place outside.

Just a reminder that any earrings should be removed before entering school. Clear plastic retainers may be worn to preserve the holes.

Birthdays

Children are welcome to bring in a small 'treat' to share with their class on their birthday. A small bag of sweets, sealed are the most appropriate to share with the class. These will go home and parents/carers can decide when to allow children to have them.

Please note that birthday cakes/cupcakes should not be brought in as they can't be stored. No products containing nuts are allowed due to allergies.

Parental Engagement/Website

I hope to have the website updated with curriculum info and parent booklets by the end of this week.

We have lots of events to put on the calendar where we hope to invite you back into school, but we have planned these for a little later in the year as we gradually ease back into a 'normal routine'

Date for your diary One of our Parent Governors has organised a quiz night at the Old Ash Dene on **Tuesday 12th October** to raise money for school funds. We hope you can all attend. As always thanks so much for your understanding and support.