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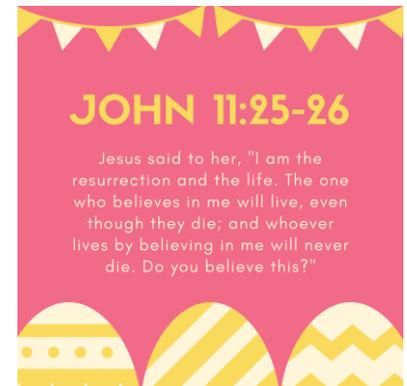


13th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the summer term! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy Easter and that despite the bizarre range of weather conditions, you were able to meet up outdoors with friends and family. I have certainly had a few coffees outside under a blanket ... I even had a hot water bottle inside my coat once which I can highly recommend!

We have enjoyed welcoming all the children back today and are looking forward to a busy and productive term ahead.



Please remember that we must all continue to observe COVID safety measures in our households and around our school to keep each other safe:

- Do not send your child to school if they or someone in your household is showing symptoms;
- Respect social distancing around the school site;
- Use the one-way route around school;
- Only one adult should accompany children onto the site for arrival and collection;
- Contact the school office by phone or email to speak to a member of staff;

School Vision



Our professional development day yesterday was spent revisiting and reviewing our school vision within the context of our Christian foundation. Staff and governors worked together to consider our current strengths and areas where we would like to grow and improve more. We very much would like to know your views on this and have prepared a short survey which you can access [HERE](#) on the school website. This will be available until Wednesday 21st April. Teachers will also be gathering the views and thoughts of the children over the next week or so. Please do take a few moments to share your thoughts and views with us.

Progress Updates

As mentioned in an earlier letter, staff are preparing short progress reports for your children which will be sent home on Friday 23rd April. The purpose of these is to give you some information regarding how your child has settled back into school and into learning, to highlight some targets



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to focus on and to give you an indication of where your child is working against usual- pre-COVID-age related expectations. With the interruption to normal learning that has gone on this year, it will not be unusual for the children to have some gaps and the teachers are carefully adapting learning to support the children where needed.

Premises News

A new external door has been added to Class 2 which will enable direct access to and from the Learning Garden. This will make the pathway to nursery less congested and will remove the need to use this area as an outdoor learning space for the children which although necessary, has not been ideal. Children from Class 1 and Class 2 will share the Learning Garden, using designated areas and equipment in order to maintain COVID safety. We know that this will make the garden busier at drop off and collection times so would ask that everyone does all they can to make space for others whilst waiting.

Interactive Sports Wall

Over the holidays, work was completed on installing an interactive sports wall – or 'iWall' - in the KS2 hall. It is amazing! The video [HERE](#) will show you what an iWall is and give you an idea of how we can use it. The project has been funded through our PE and Sports Premium Grant which is an annual amount of money given to all primary schools solely for the purposes of enhancing and improving physical activity in school. Whilst we will use the iWall in PE lessons, we can also use it across the curriculum to promote rapid recall of all aspects of learning in a fun and active way. Staff will be accessing training on the new equipment over the next few weeks so that we can begin to use it with the children as soon as possible.

Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club is back up and running and we have some spaces available for children in Nursery – Y6. The cost is £4 each day, including a great breakfast and we open from 7:30am. Bookings and payments are made via the School Gateway. Please contact the school office if you would like some more information.

Coming Up

23rd April	Saints' Day - Children in each house can wear the colour of their Saint's House.
3rd May	Bank Holiday – school closed
28th May	Last day of half term
7th June	School reopens
16th July	Last day of school year

Kind regards,
Mrs H Malbon
Headteacher

