



Weekly Newsletter - Friday 18th September 2020 - Autumn Term

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Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Mrs. S Hulme **Nursery & Infant School:** Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs H Nicholls, Miss F Sullivan & Miss E Bryant **Safeguarding Governor:** Mr. T Richmond

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a big thank you for working with us for drop off and dismissal of children - these times are working better but the groups are still quite crowded including the streams of people on the paths and in the alleyway at these key times. We are monitoring these situations continuously in the interest of children and adults alike and will be increasing the measures where appropriate to ensure we are safeguarding as much as possible. Thankfully however, we are delighted to report on the children managing the class and year group bubbles effectively whilst getting back into their learning routines as we come to the successful end to a second full week. They all seem quite happy to be in school and reunited with their friends.

We have had a number of enquiries about varying circumstance in the event of staff absence. You are all respectful and understanding that we are unable to share these reasons but to be reassured that these are circumstances that are **not** currently COVID related.

The school is asking for all adults to wear a face covering. Whilst we do understand that some people are exempt from wearing a face mask we will continue to expect all adults to have a face covering in place whilst on the school grounds as consideration for all families.

Listening to the news gives us daily reminders about social distancing and the possibility of increasing cases of COVID in our community, please take these warnings seriously and remain diligent within your social group. We are hoping to keep the school running at full speed until this situation eases. Thank you for caring for each other.

Spirituality

Sunday 20th September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are now in the middle of the Season of Creation, an ecumenical opportunity to pray and take action for the good of the environment and the earth, our common home. It began on 1st September and lasts until 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis. In school we are reflecting upon what that means for us, personally and as a school community. In particular, how we will respond to Pope Francis invitation, "Let us pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner." Click here to see the Pope's prayer video for September:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&v=Ziryacd5vlw&feature=emb_logo.

No doubt you will be able to come up with others. We look forward to working together as stewards of God's wonderful creation.

Here are some of our ideas.



News for the week

E-Safety

Here are 10 tips to keeping your child safe online.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/what-parents-need-to-know-about-online-content-10-tips-to-keep-your-children-safe-online>



PTA AGM

Please note the date for the PTA AGM of 7th October, as notified on last week's newsletter. This was postponed from the summer term due to the COVID situation. The committee met last week and are all ready to think about alternate ways to bring the community together again and are always interested in your input. Do attend the AGM if you are able, more information will be sent to you in the coming week.

Message from the Reception teachers

Please could children practice washing their hands, using a knife and fork, turning their jumpers inside out and putting on their coats and cardigans/jumpers at home.

Communicating with school regarding some specific needs

Please inform the school should circumstance's change at home, although children are very resilient generally they do take things to heart and this may impact on their time in school.

Thank you

Packed Lunch reminder - Grapes

For the safety of children. Please can all parents cut grapes in half if they are in their children's packed lunch.

Home learning for children isolating - please be specific when reporting an absence

The Home Learning Grids proved very successful during the period of lockdown. We are looking to use this method again should the need arise. Individual entries will be posted for those pupils who may need to isolate at home but who are not sick. Please keep the school informed in these circumstances.

Water Bottles

Please remember to send children to school with a named water bottle of the sports design.

If you wish to learn an instrument this year, please contact the teacher directly to arrange lessons. Your teacher will be in touch with you to liaise when lessons will commence in school.

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