

Newsletter – July 2020

This school year has been the strangest one I can recall. Since starting my teaching career 27 years ago, I can only ever remember losing days to the weather, and that has only ever been the odd day or two. To lose weeks and months has been something that I think will stick for a long time in the memory.



We are now looking forward and beginning to put all the pieces of the jigsaw together, to ensure that we can welcome everyone back in September. We have received the guidance from the Government about opening school for all children in September. We are now in the process of finalising all of the details for this to be able to happen, and we will be sending information out to everyone when it is ready. Mr Harding will be writing to everyone over the coming days with more information.



Everyone in school has been working really hard to make sure that the procedures that we have in place are working well, and I would like to thank all of the staff, children and parents & carers, for making it all work so well. These current procedures will form the basis of the planning for September.

Transition

As you will appreciate, it will be impossible to have our usual sessions this year, where children get to meet their new class teacher. We are looking at alternative

arrangements for this year. The teachers will be arranging online sessions soon where children can meet them via google classroom. Your child's new class teacher will be in touch nearer the time to arrange this.

This has had an impact on transition at all stages of the school. The new intake for September have already been engaging through Google Classroom like the rest of the school, and we are really thankful for their contributions because they are beginning school without the usual taster sessions that we like to have.

The Y6 this year haven't had any visits to their new secondary schools either. If you remember back to your own transition to secondary school, I'm sure you can recall how valuable transition days like that can be in answering questions and helping prepare you for the next step. We have every confidence that they will be ready as they make the move from St. Mary's.

Staff Changes

Just to remind you of the staffing for next year which I mentioned in my previous newsletter.

Rosen Class Reception	Miss Lee & Mrs. Berry
Potter Class Y1 & 2	Miss Kelly
Dahl Class (until Oct half term) Y3 & 4	Mrs. Howlett & Mrs. Berry
Dahl Class (from October half term) Y3 & 4	Mrs. Kay & Mrs. Berry
Morpurgo Class Y5 & 6	Miss Kinning

Online Assemblies

We hope that you have enjoyed the online assemblies that we have been posting on Google Classroom. Thank to the church for their support. The 'Open the Book' team have done an amazing job and Rev Trev has kept us thinking with his stories and prayers. Thank you to all of them for contributing at this difficult time. We really do appreciate the support of the church.



Virtual Sports Day



We hope you all managed to see the ideas for the Virtual Sports Day which we put on Google Classrooms recently. If you did, and you managed to arrange your own 'Family Sports Day', we hope you had a lovely time.

Sun Safe



Although the weather has been a bit mixed in recent days, please make sure to help your children learn about sun safety.

Road Closures



Information from Devon County -

Repairs to the road surface originally planned for early April were put on hold due to Coronavirus and this work has now been re-programmed.

We will now be working along Steer Point Road from 28th July for 4 days, carrying out patching repairs to the road surface.

To ensure we can carry out these repairs safely we will be putting a temporary road closure in place. This means that officially the road will be closed to traffic. We will maintain access for residents and businesses directly affected by the work but there might be some delays to vehicle movements.

However, as the section of road passed the school is wider we endeavour to use temporary traffic lights which should reduce disruption to traffic. The footpaths will remain open.

Summer Holiday Club



SPORTS & ACTIVITY CAMPS

Here is some information for those of you who may be looking to book some holiday club provision over the summer.

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Adrian Clements (Head of School)