



Weekly Bulletin

Term 1 Week 10 :Friday 13th November 2020

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Welcome to this week's newsletter. As always, I hope you and your family, friends and loved ones are safe and well.

Important News:

Update re change of end of day:

Your co-operation with drop off and pickup arrangements has been really appreciated. As you know because of Covid restrictions, we established an extended 'pick up window from 3.05pm to 3.20pm. In reflection, we have decided to shorten this window and in doing we are able to 'claw back' valuable curriculum time. Pickups are simply not taking 15 minutes. Therefore, **from Monday 16th November 2020 onwards we will not be opening the door for collection until 3.10pm.** The school gate will not be unlocked until after 3.05pm. Many people have been arriving at the start of the window – you not all need to be there at 3.10 - we want a window of pick up times to avoid congestion, to help with social distancing and to help keep everyone safe. You are not late (despite what the children may say) if you are picking up at 3.15pm or 3.18pm!

To confirm **Pick up times are now 3.10pm to 3.20pm.**

SET Academy Conversion Consultation – as you are aware on Monday 16th November 2020 the window of consultation for this important chapter in the development of our school comes to a close. Behind the scenes Mrs Scrafton and I have been working really hard with the Selby Educational Trust team, DfE colleagues, solicitors and NYCC colleagues on the process. Thank you to the people who have participated in the consultation.

Other News:



Remembrance On Wednesday we held an appropriate Remembrance Day silence and related activities in school. One lovely example of this was Mrs Gay's Y6 Forest School group.

Children in need – thank you for your generous support of this worthy charity for today's non uniform day.

Staffing update: I am delighted to announce that Miss Gray joins the team next Monday. She will be mainly working in Kestrel and Osprey bubble, with some afternoon time in Harrier class too. Welcome Miss Gray!

Pupil update: This week we have had a new pupil and family join us – welcome to Carlton Blake! What a great start you have made. We also say a sad farewell to Eve this week – good luck for the next Chapter!

Parent teacher Consultations. These successfully took place (via phone) this week. Thank you for efforts in helping to schedule these. We return now to a regular routine of phone calls only on a needs basis. We will have further consultations later in school year.

Any other Business:

- Christmas cards – I have been asked about Christmas cards (from organised parents!) and whether we are allowing them this year. After consideration I have decided that we will allow the usual Christmas cards routine to take place in school, however we will of course just make sure that they are Covid secure. All cards that are brought into school will be placed in a box for 'quarantine' for at least 72 hours before being distributed.

Guides for Christmas cards:

- * Please no Cards until December!
 - * Please do help us out - if the cards are not for children in your child's class, can their class name or surname be added to the envelope.
 - * Last day of 'delivery' will be Monday 14th December (to allow enough time to quarantine and hand out)
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- Updated guidance for parents and carers from the Department of Education (DfE). The DfE have updated their guidance for parents and carers on what they need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This update provides information on the national restrictions that came into force on 5 November, the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people, and advice on the use of face coverings in education settings.
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=12%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Reminders:

- Flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on Wednesday 18th November.
- With the weather cooling now, as children start wearing hats and gloves more regularly, please try to have everything labelled to avoid property being lost!
- Please can you check and return any outstanding school property.
 - Please return any school musical instruments that you have at home
 - Please return any school library books , school reading books and school phonics books that are currently not being used

In these challenging times, please take time to enjoy the autumn leaves, winter sun and time with loved ones. I hope you have a safe and happy weekend.

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