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School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

We are so looking forward to all children being back in school on Monday. Let's all really hope that there will be no more lockdowns and we can now start to get back to schools being as normal as they can be. Staff are being positive and hopeful we will be able to start to resume things like sports day and trips and visits.

We hope all the children enjoy being back at school, back into the routine and structure of the school day. Obviously we understand that it may be hard for some children especially in the first early days but we will do everything we can to support them.

And finally can I please thank you all for all your amazing hard work both in school and at home during this lockdown. We are so proud of all the children. They have been stars. I must also say the biggest thank you ever to the most wonderful teaching team who have worked so incredibly hard over the last 8 weeks. They have made such a difference and now can't wait to have their class back!

I saw this short poem on the internet this week and thought that you may like it.

*Don't tell me I'm behind.
Don't tell me I'll be held back for ever.
Don't tell me I need longer at school.
Don't tell me I'm lost.*

*Tell me I can do it.
Tell me you'll help me.
Tell me you believe in me.
Tell me we'll do it together*

*Yours Sincerely,
The Children*

As reminded in last week's newsletter please find below the school's guidance for opening school on Monday.

In opening school, we have three main priorities:

- The safety of our children and staff by ensuring that we follow health and safety guidance through assessing risks and putting in place control measures
- The mental health and wellbeing of children and the school community in the transition back to school
- Ensuring that all children receive a high-quality education that enables them to thrive and progress in all areas

Staff have been working very hard to provide a safe, welcoming and happy school for your children. We are very grateful to you all for working so closely with us and for all your kind words and support. I want to now update you on some key school procedures which will be very similar to those implemented in the Autumn term.

All children in Rec to Y6 are expected to return to school on Monday 8th March. The risk assessment will be reviewed and regularly updated to mitigate risks of the transmission of the virus and will be placed on our school website.

The information below summarises the main points in the risk assessment. We hope you find this information useful:

When will the children start back at school?

Children start back at school on Monday 8th March

- Children in Class Lyn, Taw and Torridge will start at 8.50am and finish at 3.15pm.
- Children in Bray Class will start at 9.00am and finishing at 3.00pm.
- These timings are to allow parents to walk up to Class Bray along the side of school once children in classes Taw and Torridge have walked safely into their classes.) Please DO NOT walk (or drive) through the school car park as staff may be arriving in their cars and the mini bus and taxi will be arriving and leaving the car park - it is just too dangerous to allow parents to walk through. However, if any parent has difficulty walking around the side of school (if they have a push chair for example) please contact school and we can make alternative arrangements.

Do they need to wear uniform?

- Yes, we expect all children to wear full uniform if possible, however, we understand if this may prove difficult for some parents to comply with during the current situation.

What can be brought from home?

- Children may bring a small bag to school however, they are not allowed to bring unnecessary items from home. They must only bring a named water bottle, healthy snack, suncream, sunhat (if appropriate) and packed lunch if required

What happens if we use school transport?

- The transport department will provide a full return to school transport.

What measures are in place to reduce mass gatherings of parents and children at the start and end of school?

- Each class will enter school through a separate entrance –
Class Bray, line up outside classroom;
Class Lyn enter the playground and go through the right hand side door;
Class Taw and Torridge line up on left hand side in two separate lines.
Class Taw enter school through right hand side door.
Class Torridge either through back door entrance or fire door. These two classes will enter one class after the other.
- A line will be on the playground from the edge of the school kitchen across to the fence. Please can parents of children in Class Lyn please drop off and wait (socially distanced) for their child behind this line near the school gate.
- Children in Class Taw and Torridge will leave school at the end of the day through the entrances they enter school in the mornings. Therefore, can any parents waiting for their child in these classes please wait (socially distanced) near the area by the bike racks and down to the double school gates. A line will be on the playground from the school building to the wall – please stand behind this line.
- When children arrive in school they will be asked to sanitise their hands and go to their classrooms. They will hang their belongings up in an allocated space in the cloakroom and they will be asked one by one to wash their hands
- Please can we ask parents NOT to congregate on or around the school site before or after school. Please leave a clear wide path for children to walk through.
- All adults must always maintain social distancing to reduce the chance of transmitting the virus.
- Can all adults please wear a face mask whilst dropping off and picking up their children.
- It is essential that all children arrive and leave at their designated start or finish time.
- If parents in Key Stage two want children to walk home alone, please inform the school office of this information by the start of the week.
- When waiting to collect children, parents and other adults must keep any other children close to them and please do not allow them to move away from the adult.
- Please do not send children to school too early as this could potentially lead to unsupervised contact between pupils.

- No parent to enter the school grounds if possible
- The school office will be closed to parents on the whole – so please phone or e mail.

Thank you for your support with this.

Drop off and collection at Breakfast and After School Clubs

- Children who will attend Breakfast or After School club must be dropped-off and collected from the hall side door.
- Breakfast Club opens from 8.00am to 8.50am and costs £4.50 with breakfast and £3.50 without breakfast. After School Club is from 3.15pm to 5.30pm each evening and costs £8.50 or £4.50 from 3.15 to 4.30pm. We require booking and payment at least a week in advance for these clubs, (unless in an emergency) with payment through Parentpay. To book your child's place please either email brattonfleming@ventrus.org.uk or call the school office 01598 710337, **no later than 10.00am on a Friday for the forthcoming week and make your payment accordingly.**
- We have had to implement this new procedure as some parents in the past have owed the school money for this service and built up a large debt to the school. We are sorry to notify you, but if no payment is made in advance, we will have no alternative but to contact you and refuse your child coming to the Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs, unless in an emergency.

What hygiene measures are in place? What are you doing to keep the school clean?

- We have hygiene boxes in each classroom, including cleaning products and equipment. Surfaces are cleaned regularly and all equipment is cleaned in between use.
- Children are expected to wash their hands/sanitise multiple times throughout the day
- Members of staff will be available to support and supervise handwashing where it is appropriate, and we have visual reminders in all the toilets and sink areas about good handwashing.
- We have plenty of tissues and remind children about good hygiene.
- Staff will be wearing face masks in communal areas and in some cases in the classroom

How will you make sure children are socially distant with each other?

- Children have been organised into class groups that will stay with each other for most of their time in school.
- Playtimes will be staggered so that fewer children are outside on the playgrounds with each class having their own designated area to play within. This way, the classes will not routinely mix with each other. They will have their own play equipment in their zone.
- Children will not move around the site as much as they used to however, when they do, they will be encouraged to social distance.
- We recognise that social distancing with the younger children is a challenge so we will remind them regularly about it, but we cannot guarantee that it can be maintained with the younger children. The government guidance states that schools do not need to insist on social distancing with the younger children. We want our children to learn through play and interaction with others.

How will staff social distance?

- Staff will continue to maintain 1m+ social distancing wherever possible. Our staffroom will not be used for staff to congregate and our school office is out of bounds to all if possible.
- We ask that parents do not come into the school building to maintain good social distancing, however we are still available to talk to parents either over the phone or through email.

What will the classrooms look like?

- The classrooms do look a bit sparser than they usually do, this is so that the surfaces are easily cleaned.
- In Years 3 to 6, most desks have been arranged into front facing rows.
- Teachers are planning learning activities that reduce the need for close face to face interaction.
- Adults will give feedback to the children at the adults' level rather than the adult moving to the child's level.
- In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 we will allow a more 'free flow' approach to the provision so that the children can learn through play. They will be allowed to sit on the carpet in small groups but will be expected to distance themselves as much as possible.

What equipment will be available to the children? What will they need to bring from home?

- All children will be given their own pencil case with their own equipment because they are not allowed to share equipment such as pens and pencils.
- Any equipment that does need to be shared will be cleaned thoroughly in between uses.
- Children will be expected to bring a named water bottle to school. This will stay on their desk to reduce movement around the classroom.

- Reading books will be sent home. They will be cleaned after they have been returned and will only be permitted to go back onto bookshelves after 72 hours.

Do the normal rules and expectations still apply?

- Absolutely! We always have very high expectations for behaviour and attitude.

How will you make sure the children settle into their class? How are you going to support their wellbeing after such a difficult time?

- The activities for the first week will be planned to support the transition for everyone. We understand lots of our children will not have been in school, so the teachers are planning to take their time to make sure the children can settle in. The children will revisit our school motto, values and expectations including our Building Learning Powers.
- The whole school will support the wellbeing and mental health of all our pupils.

Although we will be making school as normal as we can, there will be number of things that are different, and this is to keep everyone as safe as we can. This includes:

- No large gatherings will take place such as assemblies in the hall – we will have these in classes instead.
- Parents will not be allowed on site so communications will need to be made via the office through email or phone.

What happens if a child gets ill in my child's group?

- No child or adult showing signs of infection are allowed on the premises.
- Staff and pupils are required to have immediate tests if they show symptoms. If a child is sent home with symptoms, we ask parents to arrange a test for the child.
- Any child who displays any symptoms of COVID must be collected immediately. When the child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to our isolation room.
- The adult supervising the child will wear full PPE clothing when dealing with a suspected case; this includes a face mask, face shield/ visor, apron and gloves.

What if my child, or one of our family members, becomes ill?

- If any child in school tests positive for COVID, every child and member of staff in their group will be required to self-isolate for 10 days.
- If a member of a child's household tests positive for COVID, the child and the household members must self-isolate for 10 days. The other children and staff in the child's group do not have to self-isolate.

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DFE Information

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college **NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.**

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. **Parents and other adults in households** with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) (PLEASE CLICK ON THIS LINK) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms **are not** being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

PE with Mr Day

Taw & Torridge: Wednesdays & Thursdays

Bray & Lyn: Wednesdays only

Children will need to come into school in full PE kit with suitable footwear for both field & playground.

Goal Getters After School Club

The Goal Getters After School Club for KS1 children will be recommencing on Monday 15th March (instead of Friday afternoons). A letter will be going out to all KS1 children on Monday.

Prostate Cancer UK House Group Day

On Wednesday 17th March, similar to previous years, we will be having a creative house group day (although staying in our bubbles!) in aid of Prostate Cancer UK (Nick Butter's chosen charity). The children will be taking part in a range of physical activities including a sponsored Prostate Cancer UK Mile around the field. Children may come into school dressed as their famous sportsperson if they wish along with £1. Mr Day will also be doing his bit, trying to run a marathon around the school field after school. Details to follow.

YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO BE IN SUITABLE CLOTHES FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND WILL NEED PLENTY TO DRINK.

Parent Conferences

These will take place between March 22nd and 26th.

Menu

Please find attached the lunch menu. Please pay for meals in advance via parent pay.

Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 children will be receiving letters next week about the off of Level 1/2 training, that is due to take place in the week commencing 29th March.

Class Bray Wild Tribe

Class Bray will now have their Wild Tribe session on a Tuesday afternoon starting from 16th March. Please ensure that your child brings their wellies to school on this day.

Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone

Dates for your diary

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| 26 th March 2021 | Bags2School |
| 1 st April 2021 | Last Day of Term |
| 19 th April 2021 | Summer Term begins |
| 3 rd May 2021 | Spring Bank Holiday |
| 28 th May 2021 | Non Pupil Day |
| 31 st May to 4 th June 2021 | Half Term |
| 23 rd July 2021 | Last Day of Term |

PTA News

Bags4Schools

It's not long to wait now for our Bags2school collection on Friday 26th March. So please hold onto any old clothing for a little longer! A bag will go home with your child/children once they return to school next week. The bags can then be left in the shelters in the bottom playground of the main school building. For each bag of clothes received, a donation goes to our school.

School tea towels

The 2021 sale continues! The school tea towels are now on sale for £3 pound each or 2 for £5. These are available to purchase through ParentPay.

School Lottery

Congratulations to Jemma Beard; our first winner of the school lottery. If you haven't signed up already, there is still time before the next draw on Saturday.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/046ca73f-e6b2-472e-aadc-c69aa4bdced8/leaflets/eec428bf-a8e4-4454-a112-c7d1b58cc942/ysl-covid19-leaflets%20-%20digital.pdf?updated=637466443255200000>

Easy Fundraising

Thank you to those who have already signed up to this. The small donations do add up.

You can either register via the app or the website. You will need to search for our school name and follow the instructions.

Easter hamper

We will be raffling a wonderful Easter hamper at the end of term; full of delicious Easter treats. A list is being compiled and will appear on our Facebook page soon, where you can sign up to what you can kindly donate. Tickets will be sold via ParentPay @ £1 per ticket.

We will let you know via the Facebook page as to when the donation box is ready.

Thank you so much for your continued support,

Your PTA Team.

Community News

What a super busy week we have enjoyed at Pre-School this week! At the beginning of the week we continued to look at 'On the Farm' where we spent lots of time playing with the farmyard set, painting with vehicles and making delicious tractor shaped pizzas! On Thursday and Friday, we have been celebrating World Book Day, the costumes were fabulous and we've had a busy couple of days exploring lots of different stories, making story dens and our very own books. We have, of course, spent lots of time outside where we have been racing each other, riding our magic train to fairyland and cooking up some delicious treats in the mud kitchen. We are looking forward to welcoming more of our Pre-School friends back next week and cannot wait to share some Spring activities with everyone!