



Head Teacher: Trudie De La Haye

January 11th, 2021.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new and exciting term. I hope you have all kept safe over the past few weeks and were able to enjoy the different festive season. We have not experienced the start of term that we hoped for or expected. Last week, staff went for their PCR tests; we all received negative results, reviewed our safety processes and risk assessments, completed our preparation for this term, as well as attended a number of TEAMS meetings. We have fingers and toes crossed, that this will be a calm, COVID-19 -free term.

Thank you for your kind, encouraging words, which during these strange days, are frequently shared when I see you outside or through emails, as we are unable to invite parents into school. Thank you for your thoughtful Christmas gifts and your interested comments in everything we do as a school.

It was very sad not to invite parents into school and enjoy our wonderful Christmas plays. Not being able to sing has been very difficult. But, keeping everyone as safe as possible has been our primary concern. Thank you for supporting us with this. We hope you enjoyed watching our performances on Google Classroom. Thank you, Mr Le Rossignol, for recording these and all the staff who were involved in putting everything together. Although it was very different, the children were still able to perform and work together to come up with an exciting final piece.

During the Christmas holidays, all the staff have worked hard to plan a broad, challenging curriculum. This will support our pupils' development as independent, interested, motivated learners. Our children are a joy to teach. Thank-you staff, for your readiness to support the children and the school in so many ways – as seen recently, through your untiring commitment to the school – especially with Deco Day, Christmas Productions and other Christmas/school activities.

Staff sent out their curriculum letters last Friday. These explain each year groups' learning this term. The learning has been planned clearly and carefully, encouraging our children to engage with enquiry skills, questioning opportunities, decision-making tasks, as well as provide planned time for feedback/reflection, group learning and thinking skills. These are all strengths within our school.

Point to note: The Department has stated that any child not attending school without specific reason – sickness, absence agreed by the Headteacher, shielding etc – will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

Some key dates for this term – Spring Term, 2021 – if COVID-19 permits. Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 2nd February between 3:15 -6 pm and Thursday 4th February 3:15 - 5:30 pm. Covid process for parent consultations is included with this Parentmail. Our Half Term holiday will begin at 3:00 pm on Friday 12th February. Everyone will return to school on Monday 22nd February at 8:45 a.m. We will break up on Thursday





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1st April at 3:00 pm. Inset for our staff will be Monday April 19th and Summer Term for pupils will begin on Tuesday 20th April at 8:45 am.

Reminders- with the risk of spreading COVID-19, please keep children off if they have a temperature, persistent cough or lack of taste or smell. Please be aware of the different bugs and illnesses about too and keep children off school for 48 hours if they have been sick or have diarrhoea. If they return to school too soon, germs will spread, and more children and staff will become ill. We *will send* children home, who return to school too quickly! Please continue to take care with dropping off and picking up your children at beginning and the end of the day (especially as the morning and evenings are quite dark at the moment) and remember the staggered starts and end of days which are the same as last term.

Start of day:

Yr. 6 – 8:25 a.m.

Yr. Reception and Yr. 3 – 8:30 a.m.

Yr. 5 and Yr. 2 – 8:35 a.m.

Yr. 4 and Yr. 1 – 8:40 a.m.

Nursery – 8:45 a.m.

End of the school day:

Reception – 2:30 p.m.

Yr. 1 and Yr. 2 – 2:40 p.m.

Nursery 2:45 p.m.

Yr. 5, 4, 3 – 2:50 p.m.

Yr. 6 – 3:00 p.m.

Please remain **socially distanced** when you drop your children off at the beginning of the day and picking them up at the conclusion of the day. **Please vacate** the school grounds as quickly as possible.

Rue Gombrette is 15 MPH. The main road is very dangerous, so please can children cross with Mr Fallaize and wait for him to tell them it is safe to cross. Thank you.

Hoping that 2021 sees our school return to pre-COVID-19 normality. 😊

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