



## Newsletter – Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### Issue 12

Welcome to this week's **Newsletter, Issue 12**

#### **Admissions**

We are now closed for new admissions for the remainder of the term, following our 4<sup>th</sup> round of offers for parents to return those children eligible. Our bubbles are full to bursting! Thank you to everyone who has thought hard about returning. We appreciate it is not an easy decision at all. We do however look forward to seeing all pupils back in September (subject to the guidance yet to be received from the government) following the proposed changes to rules for schools in the new academic year.

#### **The end of term arrangements**

As per our communication in the letter last Monday, we would like to remind you that the end of the formal academic year is now **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**. From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be engaging in parent calls (phone and video) from new and old class teachers. We will also be sharing some videos from teachers to introduce themselves to their new class. If you wish, the new teacher will follow the video up with a phone call too. These calls will be timetabled for both daytime and evening where required. Please look out for further information about this in the coming weeks.

In advance of the phone calls, we invite pupils to **drop off their purple books** between Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, by simply handing them in at the school office. Their efforts can then be celebrated in the annual school report which will be sent on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, via email or post.

Provision for key worker families will continue on site on 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> July, but only for those pupils whose parents are physically at work on those days. We will make those arrangements nearer the time.

#### **Arrangements for Year 6 Leavers**

Here is some further information for Y6 leavers, which was shared briefly in the last letter;

The End of Term and Year 6 Leavers Service will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm on our Youtube Channel.

Unfortunately, we are not allowed to invite parents onto the school grounds unless it is absolutely necessary, or to mix class bubbles, so we are unable to hold any other leaving events. We are looking at how the situation may have changed in September with a view to inviting children back for an event and trying to do something then. Before the end of term, Year 6 leavers will receive their bible, as is a tradition in school, but they will also be given a book that Mrs Larkin has matched to their interests as a way of marking their time in school.

#### **Blogs and learning platforms**

From next week, there will be further changes to our online provision. Now we have a significant number of pupils back in school and we prepare for the end of term, formal learning activities will begin to reduce. We recognise that your children are tired, as are the staff, and most likely you too! Instead, you should still expect to receive either a maths or English task to complete each day, along with one additional topic-based activity. Teachers will continue to be in touch on a weekly basis to see how you are getting on.



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We are moving to a new, exciting learning platform in the coming days. You may remember Education City? We are returning to this platform having invested significant funds for the future. There will be some new pupil login details coming out soon and you will then be encouraged to have a look through the site at your leisure.

Sumdog will cease to be used at the end of this week, but we will continue to access Collins and Big Maths online platforms in the coming weeks.

### Reminders about social distancing

It is sometimes difficult to keep up with the law around social distancing, so we hope this helpful section will be useful in confirming what you can or can't do currently and **from** 4<sup>th</sup> July:

	Currently	From 4 <sup>th</sup> July
 <b>How many people?</b>	A group of up to 6 people from two households are allowed to meet in the garden, 2m apart. Visitors may only enter the house to use the toilet.	More than 6 people can meet but they must be from only two households.
 <b>At what distance?</b>	You must maintain a 2 metre distance from each other	You are required to keep a 1 metre + distance from each other. (Try to keep to 2m apart where it is possible, but if not, use a face mask, or don't stay that close for longer than a few seconds)
 <b>Outdoors</b>	You may not use children's play parks and cannot visit anywhere overnight	You can go anywhere and stay overnight in the process
 <b>Indoors</b>	Nobody from outside your household unless part of your social bubble (single person with/without children U18 who has you as their only social bubble)	Two households may meet inside, but you must maintain social distancing at all times

Have a lovely weekend!