



# Newsletter

Our Value this half term is **Friendship**

Autumn 1

14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Welcome Back

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back into school. They have all grown so much and I am pleased to say that by Friday last week, we had everyone coming in with smiling faces and no tears! All of the staff are working on re-establishing routines and friendships and addressing any fears or anxieties the children may have being back at school.

Thank you to all of the parents who have been making sure that they arrive at the designated time for drop off and pick up. It makes it so much easier to keep the children safe when we can plan for their arrival and dismissal. Please remember not to gather outside the gates after you have dropped off your children. You will now know of the new government regulations in place as of today, please be mindful for the safety of our whole school community.

### Breakfast and After School Club

Just to remind you that you must book a place in both of these clubs at least 4 days in advance. This has to be done through your ParentMail accounts. Please do not drop your child off for Breakfast club if you have not done this. It is vital that the staff running these clubs can plan ahead and need the numbers to do this.

## Welcome to Pre-School

I am very pleased to inform you that as of 1<sup>st</sup> September, the Pre-School and Primary School merged to become one setting under the St Benet's umbrella. We are now all one setting under the school's governing body and the St Benet's MAT. This will only strengthen the working relationship between the pre-school and school and make the transition into school even easier.

### Lunches

Please remember to order school lunches for your child by the end of the day on Thursdays. This is the same if your child is entitled to a free school meal. June needs the numbers in advance for ordering-thank you!

### Work in school

At the moment, we are not sending any work home with your children. Parents in Class R will soon be able to see examples of what the children are doing on Tapestry and we are looking into ways to continue to celebrate the children's good work and achievements.

We are also discussing ways to send as much homework home as possible via the pupils' Google Classroom accounts. More details will follow about this soon.

## COVID-19

Across the country there are schools dealing with suspected or confirmed cases of Coronavirus and you will have seen lots of examples in the newspapers and on the news. I need to tell you, that as of today, we have had no confirmed cases with any of our pupils or staff. However, we do have lots of pupils with traditional cold symptoms and parents are doing the correct thing and keeping their child off if they feel poorly and if Covid symptoms develop, to try and get them tested. We must continue to be vigilant and be aware of the 3 main symptoms to look for:

- High temperature and/or
- Persistent new cough and/or
- Loss of taste or smell

If we do get a confirmed case, we will be working closely with Public Health England and the Norfolk County Council Outbreak Management Team, and commencing the “Test and Trace” process. All families will be informed of a confirmed case at school and those required to self-isolate will receive a letter informing them so.

### How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID19.

#### **Do**

- Follow the guidance on social distancing .
- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds .
- Use hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available .  
Wash your hands as soon as you get home .
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze .
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

## Clubs

There will be no after school activity clubs this term, but we are hoping to resume guitar lessons for Years 3 and 4, trumpet lessons for Years 5 and 6 and street dance/contemporary dance lessons throughout the school in the next 2 weeks.

## Medication

Please ensure you have returned inhalers and other medication needed in school as soon as possible. Please note that all inhalers and medication should be in prescription-labelled packaging.

Thank you all for your continued support, especially during this very strange and difficult time.

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Headteacher