



ST KATHARINE'S CE
SCHOOL

Friendship, Effort, Respect, & Honesty

Friday 4th September 2020

NEWSLETTER No: 1

*This Term we are thinking about what is
Valuable to us?*

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our children and families, we are delighted to have everyone back in school with us. Things are different; our systems and routines have all had a big over haul and, as you would expect, we continue to tweak things almost hourly to move us closer to a position where everything runs as smoothly as possible. What is important is that all of the children appeared to skip through the door on Thursday and that everyone seems very happy to be back.

Please join me in welcoming our 15 new children and their families into reception. The reception children will have a part-time start to school in the coming fortnight until they begin full time attendance on 21st September.

Please be patient with us in the coming weeks. There may be things that don't run quite as smoothly as we would wish and it may well be that our systems continue to change and evolve. Please be assured that we will do our very best to keep you updated and informed.

We thank you for your continued support.

Niki Jones

Principal

'From little acorns, great oaks grow'



Supporting our Learners

There is much talk at the moment about the learning that children have lost and how we are going to support our learners to catch up. We will be writing to you as the term progresses about the things that we are putting in place to ensure that children are

back where we would like them to be. Our focus in the coming weeks is to observe and assess the children and only then determine what our approach should be, the intervention that we would like to put in place, how that is best delivered and who by. If we decide that a child needs targeted support in the form of a short term teaching intervention, we will ensure that this information is fully shared with parents.

Staggered Drop off and Collection times

As you will know the reasoning behind staggered drop off and collection times is in line with the Covid guidance that is available to schools at this time. Our aim is to reduce the amount of bubble crossing with regard to our classes but also to prevent too much congestion and close contact of parents and other carers at the school gate. When you collect your child please leave promptly (especially if you are in one of the earlier groups) so that we keep as much space for car parking as possible.

In the morning we have quite a number of children being dropped before 8:45am. Please stick as closely to your drop off time as possible. Our support staff are not on duty until 8:45 and as such we are not able to ensure that the children are properly supervised until then. If you do arrive early, please remain with your child until a member of staff is available. Please also note that there will be no staff supervision on the playground after 9:15am. If you arrive late you will need to bring your child to the main entrance. Thank you for your help with this.

Meet the Teacher

Typically, at this time we would be inviting you in to meet your child's class teacher so that you can find out about classroom routines and expectations. Teachers will be sharing this same information with you at the end of next week as a written document. Please remember that if you would like to contact your child's class teacher you can do so by email using the admin@ address for the attention of: and we will ensure that concerns or questions are dealt with quickly.

Fruit and Veg Scheme (free school snacks)

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or 2 they are entitled to free fruit and vegetables for a break time snack through the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. This scheme has not been running recently. However, we are pleased to be able to inform parents that it will be available for the children again from Tuesday 8th September.

Sue Brady

Sue Brady Catering are continuing to supply packed lunches and a cold option if required this term. Please visit <https://www.suebradycatering.com/> to order your meals if you would like to take advantage of this service. Orders can be placed online fortnightly and the deadline is every Friday 9.30am for the following week. Unfortunately, at the moment Sue Brady is unable to offer the three-week rolling order option. Any parents of Key Stage one children or those entitled to free school meals can call the school office for the order code. Please remember that children in reception to Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal.

PE kits on PE days and Club Days

As you know we are asking children to wear their PE kit to school on the day that they have their PE lesson. Please also send your child to school in PE kit if they have a club.

Monday: PE for Hazel and Chestnut (Hazel from 21.9)
In2Sport Club

Wednesday: PE for Oak and Sycamore
In2Sport Club

What to do if my child is feeling unwell?

If your child or a member of your family have symptoms of coronavirus, please in the first instance contact the school and then make arrangements to [have a test](#) at the earliest opportunity. In the event of a positive test, follow current advice (ref: Public Health England) and again contact the school immediately.

If children are generally under the weather or at all unwell we are asking that you keep your child at home until they are better. It is really important at this time that we are not managing or spreading any additional illnesses in our community

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – your first key dates planner will be with you very soon; you will understand that planning ahead at this stage is very difficult. Here are just a few dates for your diaries. Please note that dates are provided at the end of every Newsletter. New dates are always added in bold.

<i>September</i>	
Tuesday 1 st and Wednesday 2 nd	TD Days
Thursday 3 rd	First Day – Term 1

Friday 4 th	Reception class 'stay and play' session – 9.30am until 11.30am
Monday 7 th - Wednesday 11 th	Different small groups of Reception children in each day for 'getting to know you' session - 9.30am until 11.30am
Thursday 10 th and Friday 11 th	Whole Reception class in school for the morning only – 8.45am until 11.45am
Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th	Whole Reception class in school for morning and lunch - 8.45am until 12.50pm
Monday 21 st onwards	Whole Reception class in school all day – 8.45am until 3pm
<i>October</i>	
Thursday 8 th	Year 6 Open Evening at St Johns (details to follow)
Thursday 8 th	Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination – all years
Wednesday 21 st	Last day of Term 1

T D Days 2020/21

~~1st and 2nd~~ September 2020

16th November 2020

4th and 5th January 2021

