

26th March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

It has been exactly one year since we went into the first National Lockdown...and although some of life is beginning to return to normal and we can see green shoots of hope around us, there is no doubt that this has been a particularly difficult year for so many people. We have all adjusted to new ways of 'normal' life, and learnt lots of new skills and taken up many new hobbies.

The children have been nothing short of absolutely magnificent in rising to the new challenges that they have been presented with over the last year, adapting to new ways of life each and every time something around them changes. The way in which the children have returned to school is a fantastic example of how absolutely amazing our children are. They have returned full of laughter, happiness and with an excellent work ethic, producing some amazing work already.

Of course, we also recognise that for many children and parents, this third Lockdown really was the straw that broke the camel's back. If you or your child are suffering in silence, please never hesitate to contact us at the school gates or via email. We are always here to listen to your worries, anxieties and try and help to provide additional support where we can.

It is likely that we will continue to spend the rest of the academic year living with the guidance that has been set out by the government, so with that in mind, we have started to plan some 'Covid Safe' events during the summer term of which we have outlined some in the rest of this letter.

Upon the children's return the staff planned lessons and events that we hoped would inspire the children and make them feel excited to be back at school. Please find below some of the children's thoughts about their return to school this March, along with some updates as to what the children have been doing at school.

*"It felt so good coming back and now it's even better!"*

*"I have enjoyed my Maths, I didn't think I would, but I have!"*

*"It feels so good to be back because now I'm not at home doing the same old things. There's so much to do in school and I love seeing my friends again."*

*"I loved the seeing the new displays. It was such a surprise!"*

*Around the school, the children have been immersed in the World of Roald Dahl and then effort and enthusiasm that the teachers have put in has been infectious. The children have been busy making nests for 'The magic finger' Pheasants for 'Danny Champion of the World', their own chocolate rooms for 'Charlie and the Chocolate factory' and have even explored inside a giant peach!*

## Reminders

Please remember to drop your child off at the correct time so that we reduce congestion in the school and help us to maintain the integrity of the 'bubbles'. Also, with the weather being mixed still, please ensure that your child has a coat so they do not get wet if it rains during afternoon dismissal times. Finally, school bags are not needed in school at the moment.

## Comic Relief

Thank you to all of our very generous parents who have helped us to raise over **£400** in addition to the selling of the noses.

# COMIC RELIEF

## After School Clubs



We are very excited to announce that after the Easter break we will be resuming some of our **outdoor** clubs. Mr. Gwilliam will be sending out a letter early next week with further information. Please find the overview below:

All clubs will run solely with their year group to avoid bubbles mixing.

**Reception - Multi sports** - Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm

**Year 1 - Multi sports** - Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm

**Year 2 - Multi sports** - Fridays 3.30-4.30pm

**Year 3 - Multi sports**- Fridays 3.30-4.30pm

**Year 4- Tennis** - Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm

**Year 5- Squash** - Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm

**Year 6- Football** - Mondays 3.30-4.30pm

## Reading 'Bookworm' Challenge

When we return after Easter, we will be starting our KS1 and KS2 reading passport challenge. Reading is most of the wonderful past times to engage with. It can take us on many adventures and live the most magical of lives. We want to ensure that our children develop a lifelong love of reading so Miss Wilkin has created our own Worsley Bridge Reading Challenge. This will give the children the opportunity to achieve a bronze, silver and gold 'bookworm badge'. Children will be given a list of books that they can choose from to read and depending on how many books they complete, will depend on which reading badge they achieve. We hope that all of the children will engage with this challenge, and look forward to hearing about all of the new books that the children are starting to read.



## Parents Zoom Appointments

During the week commencing 19 May 2021 we will be holding our Parents' Meetings via zoom. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's learning, progress and next steps. More information will be sent out to you on how to book your appointment when we return after the Easter break.

## Sports Day 2021

We have provisionally booked in the following date of

Friday 2 July.

At this moment in time we cannot provide you with the exact details for these events as unfortunately we will have to keep monitoring further guidance from the Government to make any decisions closer to the time.



## Harrisons

On the 31 March our contract with Nourish comes to an end and we will be welcoming Harrison's Catering to Worsley Bridge Primary School after the Easter break. Information including the menus has been sent out via Parentmail.

## Parking

Unfortunately, we have received many many emails over the past few weeks from local residents who have been unable to leave their properties due to inconsiderate parking by our parents collecting their children from school. In one instance a nurse was unable to see her patient as she could not park in the driveway of the house she was visiting and had lots of equipment which she needed to carry into the person's home.

Please may we ask that you do not park across the driveway of local residents and find somewhere safe and legal to park your cars.

## Breakfast and After School Club

Our wrap around care provision will resume as normal under 'Covid' safe' conditions. If you have not yet informed Mrs. Wood if you require a place, please email the office to enquire about a place at our breakfast club or St Georges for their after-school club provision.

## E-Safety

Since our return to school, we are noticing an increasing number of children are accessing apps and social media sites that they are too young to be on. This may be directly on their own devices, or indirectly from the devices of others. This is obviously understandable as we have had a year of such turmoil and lockdowns, and therefore seen a huge rise in the usage of apps such as Tik Tok. Many of these apps and sites are not appropriate in their content for Primary Age school children, therefore we will be having a focus in school on how to keep ourselves safe online. We are also booking some parent and child workshops that everyone will be able to attend online.

It is imperative that we keep our children safe together, therefore, having as much information about these sites is really useful, so we can all monitor what our children see, who they talk to and help them to know where to go for advice should they be uncomfortable about anything that they see online.

Details of the workshop will be provided after the Easter Break.

## Easter Egg Hunt

The PTFA would usually organise a brilliant Easter Egg hunt for the children to participate in after school. This year they have been working hard with the class teachers to organise mini class Easter Egg hunts. Each class will have the chance to search for those eggs next week! Each child will hunt for eggs and will take home one Easter Egg graciously provided by the PTFA!

Thank you for your amazing support over the last term.

Best Wishes,

Miss James

Head Teacher