

Milborne Message 04.09.2020

Message from Sharon Hunt!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! How lovely it is to see everyone again after such a turbulent time for many. The children all seem very happy to be back with their friends and are enjoying the routine of school life. We have worked hard over the summer to plan a recovery curriculum for your children to really work on self esteem and self belief, allowing opportunities to identify and talk about their feelings and to raise expectations of what they can achieve.

Coming back to school is always a bit of an adjustment for us all, but particularly so this year after an extended period away from routine and with new systems in place. We have many new systems in school which make organising some things quite challenging, but we continue to do our best and to review these all the time. Lunchtimes have been especially challenging as we keep children in their bubbles which means staggering the times they have lunch. I know drop offs and pickups are tricky for you too but hopefully this won't be for too long. Thank you for your support and patience as we try to do the best we can in the situation we all find ourselves in.

In an attempt to increase space for what is typically the largest class for Milborne in Year 3/4 we have had some building work done during the holidays making the classroom bigger, thus enabling more social distancing and more space. We are happy with this but it does mean that other plans will now have to wait a while such as painting the school and new carpets, but we felt this was more important.

Data collection We will be asking for your data as usual shortly. We hope to do this online through the SIMS parent lite app to avoid sending paperwork between houses and to save time, but in the interim if you have a new mobile number please could you email the details to the office. Information will be sent out by the end of next week.

Starlight English books- if you still have your child's copy, from lockdown, could you please return it to school by placing it in the box outside Mrs Hosford's window in the main entrance.

Water bottles - Please ensure there is water and not squash or juice in your child's water bottle.

Lunchtimes and playtimes If your child wants to play football please can you send in **shin pads and football boots**. We have allowed children scooters and bikes while they were in school in smaller groups and we would like to continue this for as long as we can. Please send in a **helmet** if your child wishes to scoot or bike at playtimes. This can only be done at playtimes when children are out in their own group and therefore there is more space.

School uniform Thank you to all of you who have sourced school uniforms when I believe there is a national shortage. The children look very smart in their new clothes and shoes. This is important to us. As you are aware we try to be a very active, outdoor school and this was never more important than it is now but the clothes the children are wearing are looking very varied and at times inappropriate. With Fit Friday and 2 PE sessions a week (and if children are wearing PE kit to school to avoid extra bags etc coming in and out from home to school) then I would really like these to be consistent. With that mind we have a

NEW PE/OE tracksuit with the school logo. This can be worn over summer PE kit in colder weather or on its own. Information on how to order will come separately. From October half term this PE kit or summer PE kit will be compulsory for all children when not wearing school uniform.

Schoolcomms/Schoolgateway:- Please see the attached letter on how to set up your account if you have not already done so. We are now unable to take cash or cheque payments for any trips, clubs or events that require any monetary contribution from parents, therefore please take the time to set-up your account and if you have any issues, please contact Mrs Hosford.

Hope you all enjoy your weekend whatever your plans are and get a rest. The children are definitely exhausted (and the staff!)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Hunt".

Sharon Hunt