

Milborne Message 11.09.2020

Message from Sharon Hunt!

Dear Parents,

New Reception class has now been in school during the week and had their first full day today. What a special time for them, for you (and for us) It was lovely to see them making new friends, learning new routines and having fun.

PE Kits The new PE/OE Fit Friday winter uniform is now available to view in the main reception area. I know many of you have already been in to have a look. If you already have navy bottoms and tops then that is absolutely fine with a white PE T- shirt. There is no need to sew on logos. It would be good when replacing these to look again at the school sample.

As you are fully aware in these times we all need to respond to changing advice and guidelines. We need to make sure that we don't become complacent but equally that we try to keep a balance of what can work. Thank you for all your efforts responding to these changes and following our procedures. It really is important. There have been local incidents of positive cases in schools so this continues to be a very real threat.

That said, I promised I would review **drop offs and pick up** after we had been in school this week to see if it was possible to alter these slightly, meaning that the time spent dropping off and picking up would be less. Drops offs have worked very well and this means we can change the times so that there is less waiting time especially if you have a child in Raccoons and one in Rabbits. Pick ups are slow as we need to match children to appropriate adults and the children need to get used to waiting quietly so we can all out their names quickly and keep things moving. We are working on this and hope to be able to speed it up.

Therefore, from Monday the new tweaked times will be

Drop off

Year 3/4	8.45 am lining up in the same way
Year 1/2	8.45 am lining up in the same way
Year R	8.55 am lining up in the same way

Pick up (as above in reverse)

Year 3/4	2.50 pm
Year 1/2	2.50 pm
Year R	3.00 pm

Apologies for the short notice but I'm assuming that these will be a help to you so shouldn't be a problem. Siblings can be dropped off together in Y1-4 and then you walk along, as you have been doing to the Reception class waiting area (near the bike park) if needed or continue following the one way system back out.

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.

Attendance:- At this time of year we always send out a reminder of the attendance letter (an updated copy will be available on the website from Monday) and reiterate the importance of being in school. It can be sometimes tricky to work out if your child is well enough to be in school especially thinking about Covid 19 and colds. I have attached a grid overview which I hope will help. If in doubt, you can always give us a ring and we will happily talk it through.

Parent Consultations:- As things stand we are working on keeping to the same dates in the school calendar. The meetings will take place virtually, further information will be sent about booking appointments.

The exception to this will be reception class, where covid compliant meetings will take place as some of you will not have seen the classroom space your child is in.

Knowledge Organisers:- have replaced the curriculum newsletters and are now available to view on the website on your child's page. Year R will be live after the parent workshop (21st September)

We have been working hard on these and hope you find them easy to follow and informative. These should be used to help you to support your child's learning at home. I would welcome any feedback on these.

Harvest:- Harvest will be celebrated differently this year, and not at the church. We will make a decision how that might look nearer the time as it may be weather dependent and will try to record key bits to share with you.

A reminder of PE days when children come to school in their PE uniform:-

YR	Wednesday and Friday
Y1/2	Wednesday and Friday
Y3/4	Monday and Wednesday (Not Friday)

Please can I remind you to drive slowly and carefully especially in the residential areas surrounding our school for everyone's safety.

Hope you all enjoy your weekend whatever your plans are and get a rest.

Yours sincerely,



Sharon Hunt