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### Sad News

We are sad to say that our Senior Caretaker, Richard Smith, sadly passed away over the weekend. We extend our sincere condolences to his family on their sad loss.

### First Whole Week Back!

Wow we've made it! Copious amounts of risk assessments, plans of the site to ensure everyone's safety during these times, and the best bit about this madness is that we have children back in our school. Although it is not normal, it's great to hear their voices and be able to see them daily!

Over the first week, all teachers have been assessing the children to see what learning they have retained and the gaps they need to focus on in this term. We had already pre-empt that children will need to at least recap on some of the previous term's learning and this has been amalgamated into their current year's learning themes.

To ensure we are also focusing on every child's well-being, we have implemented several sessions into our weekly schedules to focus on how children are feeling about school, themselves and day to day life. We have called it '**Name It to Tame It!**'.

Every morning and afternoon registration sessions, we ask children to think about how they are feeling and let them know it's okay to feel differently throughout the day. They identify how they are feeling by placing their named lolly stick upside down in four trays that represent different emotions or feelings. Staff check to see how the children are feeling and discuss any worries with individual children throughout the day.

### Update on Changes Regarding COVID -19 Procedures- Morning Drop Off and Collection Times

Mrs Bennett has been assessing how the drop off and collection procedures have been across the site this week and as a result the following changes are now in place:

All parents accessing the school site **MUST** wear a facial mask or shield, unless medical conditions prevent them from doing so. This also includes waiting on the school field at collection times

### As from MONDAY 14th September the following will be in place:

- The back Green Gate is only for Junior pupils to access in the mornings.
- The Infants will use the front gate for both morning and collection times using the Infants one way system on their playground.

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- If a parent has both Infant and Junior children in the mornings, then depending on the time, parents can walk from the Infants playground to the Junior School's wooden gates, by the staff carpark. The Junior child then walks across the Y3 / Y4 playground (on their own) and onto the top playground, where staff will wait to collect their class.

There are NO changes to the Junior School collection procedures.

Mrs Bennett appreciates the support and adaptability that you have all shown during these unusual times, whilst she assesses and ensures the safety of the school community. She would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their patience.

With all these measures in place, they are subject to change and will reflect current updates from the Government.

### Music Lessons

Music Lessons will restart as follows:

Flute and Clarinet— Tuesday 22nd September

Brass—Friday 11th September

Guitar Lessons—Wednesday 16th September

Please ensure your child has their instrument in school on the relevant day. Children will not be allowed to share instruments and will be taught within their class bubbles. The room will be well ventilated and sanitised after each lesson.

If you would like your child to receive music lessons, please contact the school office.

### Childhood Nasal Flu Programme

We will shortly be sending out letters and information regarding the annual Flu Programme but are waiting for confirmation of the date when the team will be in school.

### Flowchart for Parents : What to do if someone has COVID –19 Symptoms.

Attached to this newsletter email is a flowchart for parents to use that tells them what to do if someone has COVID-19 Symptoms.

### Covid Testing Centres

Information regarding local Testing Centres can be found on [www.Gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.Gloucestershire.gov.uk)

### PTA Online Zoom Meeting

The PTA are organising an online Zoom meeting on Monday 18th September. Further details to follow.



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### **Parking Problems**

We have received complaints regarding parent's parking in Tyndale Road and Turner Road. Please could we remind you to be considerate of our local residents.

### **Fruit & Water in School**

We are encouraging all children to bring in a piece of fruit or healthy snack for break times. Last year pupils ran a fruit tuck shop for the whole school, but due to COVID-19 lockdown measures, we are unable to run this currently.

All children must bring into school a drinks bottle so that they can fill it up with water throughout the day. Please make sure your child's drinks bottle is labelled with their name. Thank you.

### **eSchools— passwords and usernames.**

The school uses a VLE ( Virtual Learning Environment) for both children and parents to access . Further information about using the virtual platform has been circulated to Year 3 today as a hard copy to each parent. Please note your username and password is for your use only and must be kept securely to safeguard your child. Thank you.

### **School Photographer— Wednesday 7th October 2020**

Due to COVID-19 measures, the photographer will only take single photos of children. There will be no family or class photographs unless government restrictions ease.

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We wish you all a lovely weekend!

