



Dear Parents / Carers, Governors and Friends,

It is great to see that everyone has settled back so quickly into the current 'new normal'. Please see some of the learning that has taken place this week below.

The general consensus from talking to parents and staff is that the new timings are working well, which is great. I know some parents have still got some questions about why we are doing things the way we are and are still feeling a bit anxious, which is understandable so I have also sent out a separate letter about COVID related information today.

It was lovely to talk to the children in Nursery, Sharks, and Reception Classes this week, they are clearly really enjoying their learning and feel happy and settled at school. Next week children in Reception are staying all day, so will no doubt come home exhausted, but hopefully still happy!

The curriculum letters are all available on the website now, so please do take a look to find out a bit more about what your child will be learning this term.

The class teachers will be holding elections for our School Council reps during next week. Each class from Year 2 upwards holds a class election where 2 children are elected to represent their class. Please encourage your child to apply if this is a role they are interested in. The children are asked to give a short speech to their class about why they think they would be good at this role.

The process for applying for secondary schools is slightly different this year. Most of the schools are doing virtual or on line tours and as we receive information from the schools we will forward it to our Yr 6 parents. The deadline for the common application form remains the same, however there will be an opportunity to amend your choices in December if your child sat the selection tests and did not achieve the result you expected, as the form needs to be submitted before the results of the selection tests are available. A separate letter will be sent to Yr 6 parents about this.

Most external clubs started up again this week. Please remember that the children should be collected from the KS2 doors in the KS2 playground. Please enter and exit through the pedestrian gate on Jaffray Rd. Safari club collection is from the Studio in KS1.

Our Harvest Celebration, which unfortunately will be a virtual event this year takes place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Children are asked to bring in tins with as long a sell by date as possible.

We are not currently publishing attendance by class, due to the exceptional circumstances that we are in at the moment. I will however, include an overall attendance rate each week. This week the overall attendance is 94%, only slightly below what is usual for this time of year.

Closing date for school photo orders is this Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup> – so please complete and return your order if you have not already done so.

Please talk to your child if they are in yr 6 and walking to and from school by themselves about concentrating when they cross the road - look and listen, instead of focussing on their phones – we had a near miss this week and this is after the children had had the Yr 6 road safety talk!



Final reminder - If your child is bringing in a packed lunch from home, please make sure that it is a healthy lunch- no fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate.

Thank you for your continued support and for the positive messages we have received this week – it really does make a difference during this difficult time.

Have a good weekend

Kath Margetts and All the Staff

The children have been enjoying their PE lessons with Coach Alhaji. They have been developing their balancing, throwing, passing and defending skills!



Year 1 have been doing some brilliant learning in the different areas of their classrooms!



They were also so excited to receive a special delivery of caterpillars and then used the iPad to research caterpillars and their life cycle.



Today Frogs used laser webs to develop their use of positional language! It was so much fun!



