



### A Letter from the Headteacher



Who could ever have imagined, at the beginning of March, how our lives would change so dramatically? I am so proud of us all for how well we have adapted to all the new ways of living and working. It has been hard for everyone, but especially for those who have lost loved ones and those who are unwell and afraid. We remember you every day in our prayers at school and will continue to pray for you over the Summer holidays.

I do believe that storms bring out in us something that calm seas do not, and the compassion, determination and bravery of the people I have had the pleasure of working alongside has been amazing. A huge "thank you" to all our staff who have gone above and beyond to help everyone in our school community - delivering food parcels, creating new classrooms, home visiting and conquering Purple Mash! Thank you to our governing body who have supported me so well with their messages of support, virtual meetings, phone calls and chocolate! Thank you to all our wonderful families who have sent messages of hope and love, and thank you to our fabulous children at home and school who are trying to make the very best of this time. I am looking forward to having everyone together again in September. School will be a very different place, but I know we can all work together to create joy, happiness and a love of learning. We will face any further challenges together, as a school and parish community and we will continue to support each other, come what may. I wish Ms Helen Fletcher and Ms Janet Wainwright every happiness as they retire from our school after many, many years of devoted service and I hope that Ms Hannah Davock and her family have a good Summer as they prepare for the birth of their new baby.

Our Year 6, class of 2020 have been a great class, sporty, funny, energetic, dramatic. We will miss you all and will remember you fondly. I wish you every success as you transfer to high school.

To all our wonderful children: have a good Summer. Take care of yourselves and your families. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Much love,

*Dobby Rigby*

### Winners

**Well done** to Demi and Josh, proud winners of the *design a logo* competition for the **Virtual Games**. Congratulations to Isla in Year 6, who won an **Archdiocesan Award** this year.



### Purple Mash

We reached 99% so a very well done to all. We will be using Purple Mash to set homework after the October half term holiday and during any further local or national lock downs.



## First Week of Autumn Term

### Wednesday 2nd September

**Training day for staff**, encompassing our health and safety procedures as well as our regular academic developments.



### Thursday 3rd September

**Induction day for children with a sibling** in school, focussing on new routines, health and hygiene, well-being and social distancing. These children will not attend school on Friday 4th. *Arrive between 8.50am and 9.10am at the office; collect between 3.15pm and 3.30pm from the playground.*

### Friday 4th September

**Induction day for children without a sibling** in school, focussing on new routines, health and hygiene, well-being and social distancing. These children will not attend school on Thursday 3rd. *Arrive between 8.50 and 9.10 at the office; collect between 3.15 and 3.30 from the playground.*

### Monday 7th September

**All children return to school** at our new start times:

Y5, Y6 at 8.50am    Y3, Y4 at 9.00am    Y1, Y2 at 9.10am  
Reception at 9.20am

Siblings may arrive together at any time.

Children in Breakfast club will stay there until their class begins.

## Uniform Next Term

**Full school uniform**, including black school shoes, will be required, as we are planning for all children to return to school. Please see the [uniform list](#) on the school website.

**On PE days** children should come to school in their PE kits and trainers to remove the need to change. This will help to reduce viral transmission. Children do not need black pumps next term. School track suits are available from Whittakers and can be worn over PE shorts and T shirts on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mondays	Full school uniform with black shoes
Tuesdays	Sports Kit and trainers
Wednesdays	Full school uniform with black shoes
Thursdays	Sports Kit and trainers
Fridays	Full school uniform with black shoes

Please wash all clothing as often as possible. The alternating days should help with this.

Ties will be available from school in September.

## School Equipment Next Term

**Only a snack and water bottle** should be brought to school (and a packed lunch if not having a hot dinner). Bags, pencil cases, books and other items should not be brought, in order to reduce transmission points from home to school.

## Home Times Next Term

The playground gates will open at 3.15pm.

Children will be waiting ready outside:

Reception	at their classroom door
Y1	at their classroom door.
Y2	in the gazebo.
Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	in designated areas.

**Waterproof coats** with hoods will be needed in case of wet weather.

Please collect little ones first and then collect older children on your way out. Please do not wait around on the playground, gather in groups or allow children to play with others.

Please arrive at any time between 3.15pm and 3.30pm to avoid large gatherings.

## Reading Books Next Term

We have purchased the Oxford Owls online reading scheme to avoid the possible viral transmission of actual books from September. Click [here](#) to read from the free ebook library over the Summer.



## Clubs Next Term

**Breakfast and After School Club** will be open in September in the school hall. Following our parent survey, the charges will be:

8.00am - 9.00am for breakfast    £2.50

3.30pm - 5.00pm for after school    £5.00

3.30pm - 6.00pm for after school    £7.00



## Communication Next Term

Parents will need to **phone or email** to speak to staff in September. Please do not approach staff for face-to-face meetings; we must protect them by reducing contact with as many adults as possible.

We really appreciate your understanding. Remember that we can still smile and wave!

