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Autumn's here!



It's official – Summer is over and we welcome in a new season! I know that we will all be dreading the darker nights and cooler days, but the children are already talking about Halloween and fireworks! Please ensure that your child now brings a coat into school each day and that their name is marked inside it.

Lovely to Meet You!



It was great to see so many families at our 'meet the team' event last week and our 'welcome evening' for new parents this week. We hope that you are now able to put some faces to names! Please do contact the school, or your class teacher if you would like to ask any further questions.

Poorly children!

Unfortunately we have experienced quite a bit of ill health among our pupil population this week. Thank you to parents who have erred on the side of caution and kept their child at home until they are fully well again, as this does help to reduce the spread of nasty germs! I will just take this opportunity to re-iterate

our current policy on ill health under COVID guidance and rules.

If a pupil presents with one of the three recognised COVID symptoms; high temperature, new and persistent cough, loss of taste or smell then we will ask you to collect your child and take them home. We strongly encourage families to seek a PCR test for their child wherever possible. If a PCR test is returned as negative, then your child may return to school once they are well again. (Result to be shared with school). If you are unable to obtain a PCR test or the test is positive then your child will need to remain at home to isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

In addition to the above, we are also beginning to see a sharp increase in sniffles and colds and Autumnal bugs! If your child is unwell when in school, we may ask you to collect them and for your child to remain at home until the symptoms have dispersed.

Fingers crossed for a healthier outlook over the next few weeks!

Term time holidays

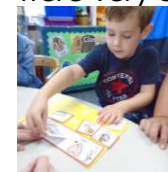
Please note that I cannot authorise any holidays that occur during term time. (Other than in exceptional circumstances) However, may I please take this opportunity to remind you that we have extended the half term holiday by an extra week

in May/June to allow families to potentially book some holiday when other schools will have returned to school.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

The children in Lower School have experienced many new activities over the past two weeks. The Owls class and Penguins class had their first swimming lessons which were very successful!



Pupils in Robins class have been learning how to communicate with others using symbols.



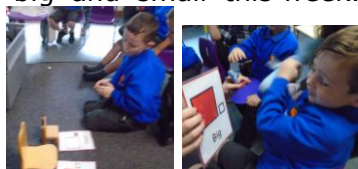
Pupils in Penguins have been exploring their sticking skills while composing collages!



The children in the department

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have been learning about 'big' and 'small' this week.



In PE they have been exploring small apparatus and how to move safely and independently along it.



Middle School

The children have continued with their theme of 'My family'. In literacy the children have been looking at family themed stories and have explored 'Owl Babies' and 'Monkey Puzzle'. They have also looked at the life cycle of a human as we change from baby to child, to adult to elderly! They particularly enjoyed sharing photos of their own families with their class.

Pupils in Middle School have this week been learning how to move safely on small apparatus as part of their PE lessons.



In ICT lessons they have been learning how to use a range of drawing tools within software;



In their science lessons with Mr McLoughlin, the pupils have been learning about forces.



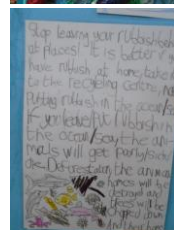
Swimming for Middle School has now been confirmed and the Swifts class and Puffins class will have their first lesson next week.

Upper School

This half term the Upper School topic is 'What's New?' In drama this week we looked at what is new around school and also in the news. In class the children explored the current affairs issue of plastic in the sea. There is a beautiful new display of

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the children's work in the corridor.



The children have also learnt about digital imagery and the ways in which images can be altered and enhanced.



The pupils have settled well into Upper School life and we are already working them hard!



The Kestrels and Kingfishers had their first swim on Thursday 23rd September.

Dates for the diary

Monday 18th October – A quick reminder that the school will be closed to pupils for INSET training.

Wishing all our families a fabulous weekend
Take care

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