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## **Information Letter for Year 5 and 6 Classes**

April 2021

Dear Parents

We would like to warmly welcome you back again after Easter. We hope that your children settled back happily and we are able to get back into the routines we had established before Easter.

In order to keep us all safe, we would like to remind you of our expectations for daily procedures.

Due to the ongoing situation, we will continue to operate staggered start and finish times for different year groups. Year 5 and 6 will begin their day at 9.00am (registers start at this time so please make sure you are on our site by 8:55am) and finish at 3.15pm. Both year groups will enter and exit via the side gate by Tiddlers, as before Easter. **Please can you stick to these times to ensure the safety of all concerned.** We ask that you do not approach staff members directly but understand that there may be occasions when you need to pass on a message. We just ask that at the current time you email these messages to the school and they will be passed on to your child's class teacher.

We continue to expect all children to be as independent as possible. In order to encourage this there are several things they need to do when they arrive at and leave school.

### **Morning Routine**

- **Children will go straight to their classroom via the side gate entrance, the teacher will be in the classroom to meet them.**
- **We politely ask that parents leave the site as soon as you have said your goodbyes at the side gate entrance.**
- **Please can you ensure that all of your child's belongings fit into one small bag? We are asking that children bring all of their stationery (pencil, colouring pencils, rubber and sharpener) in a plastic, wipeable pencil case that will be left in school. Please also bring in a plastic lunch box and two drinks bottles. Reading folders will need to be brought in daily.**
- **The children will be asked to wash their hands as soon as they enter the school buildings and at regular points throughout the day. School has plenty of anti-bacterial soap and hand sanitiser so you will not be expected to provide this for your own child. Please can you also ensure your child is washing their hands before leaving your house.**

### **Afternoon Routine**

- **Please meet your child in the correct zone on the side field, socially distanced as far as possible. The class teacher will bring the children to you.**
- **We also ask that at the current time, exclusively members of their own family bubbles pick up children.**
- **Please ensure you child washes their hands on arrival home.**

**We thank you for your co-operation.**

### **Topics for the Spring Term:**

Our topic this term will be **The Victorians**.

Although we usually welcome things brought in from home to support our topic work, we are unable to do so at this time.

We will also be covering a range of other learning and we hope that you find the Curriculum Map, on the website, useful to keep track of what your child is being taught.

**Snacks** The school policy on snacks is to ensure that they should be a healthy option. If you would like your child to have a mid-morning snack, we encourage them to bring in fresh fruit or vegetables. The best snack for break time, are foods that they can eat with their fingers. Chopped up, fruit or raw veggies such as carrots or peppers are ideal.

Breadsticks and whole meal crackers are also great finger foods that can be spread with low-fat soft cheese. Please note that the most recent guidance is that dried fruit is no longer recommended as a between-meal snack as it's high in sugar and can be bad for teeth. Parents have asked about various shop purchased snacks, such as fruit winders and various breakfast bars etc. Most of these snacks are usually high in sugar. Water should be the only drink. Milk can be purchased through the [school milk service](#). **It is essential that your child has a named water bottle that is easy for them to refill during the day.** Thank you for your support

**Nut and seed life-threatening allergy awareness:** We have several children with severe life-threatening nut and sesame seed allergies and a reaction can be triggered by airborne contact. For safety reasons, we must insist that parents/guardians do not send children to school with peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella, cereal bars containing nuts etc. or indeed anything containing nuts or sesame seeds (i.e. on buns or snack bars.) We would also discourage confectionery for birthday celebrations (see below) as sweets and chocolates can contain traces of nuts and seeds. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding with this.

**Birthday celebrations:** We will always acknowledge and celebrate birthdays, but we cannot accept any sweets or gifts brought in from home.

**Outdoor Shoes:** Please can children have a separate pair of outdoor shoes in school as we would like to use the side field at playtime and lunchtime wherever possible.

**Reading:** We understand that you will be anxious to support your child's reading development and we actively encourage daily reading with your child. Your support and patience at this time is appreciated. Please continue to read with your child daily, ensuring you sign their record clearly. The children's reading records are checked regularly so this is another good way of communicating any messages to your child's teacher.

**Homework:** All children will have reading folders. These should come to school every day. In them, you will find a book reading record/planner. Twenty quiet minutes is all you need each day. It's amazing how this will aid your child's progress. *Reading to your child is invaluable.* Please see our presentation about how you can support your child's reading at home [here](#).

Spellings will continue to be given to Years 5 and 6. Maths homework is also given out weekly in both year groups in the form of a printed sheet reinforcing the maths focus for the week. English homework will look at the writing skills needed in Year 6.

In order to support the children's learning at home we suggest the following websites:

[TT Rockstars and Doodle Maths \(logins required\)](#)

[ict games.com](#)

[Topmarks](#)

**Physical Education: We are now asking that your child comes to school in their school uniform every-day and bring their PE kit with them on the first day (with trainers please).** This will stay in school for the term unless it need to be washed. These trainers will be used every-day for playtimes when we are using the field so we ask if possible that this pair (named please) stay in school for the duration of the term. This should be a red plain or Saltford t shirts and black shorts or jogging trousers and trainers (Please send velcro fasteners if your child is unable to tie their laces) and a fleece type jacket.

Class	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
JG	Wednesday afternoon	Monday afternoon
NS	Wednesday afternoon	Monday afternoon
AB	Wednesday morning	Thursday afternoon
JSB	Wednesday morning	Thursday afternoon

Please note – we will contact parents when swimming can safely resume.

**PPA Time:** This is class teacher's support time away from the classroom and will be covered in the following way:

AB: Every other Friday with Mrs Parfrey (all day)

JSB: Every other Friday with Mrs Parfrey (all day)

NS: Every Thursday afternoon with Mrs Hathaway (Mrs Godwin teaches NS on Friday)

JG: Every other Friday with Mrs Hathaway (all day)

**Lost Property: Please make sure that everything is named.** This includes things like socks, shoes, hats, gloves, lunchboxes and drink bottles!! If everything is named, we will save a huge amount of time searching for lost items.

**School Dinners:** Key Stage Two children are required to pay should they wish to have a school dinner. Alternatively, parents can choose to provide their child with a packed lunch from home. If your child is having a school dinner please can you use the School Gateway system (link below) to make any payment.

**Payments:** Where payment for trips or events is required, the school uses School Gateway, an online payment system. A link to the School Gateway system is available on our website or through <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>.

Children need to make sure that they have a coat with them for the cold weather and a change of footwear for playtime. Please see our website for [appropriate school clothing](#).

**Hair:** We would like to request that all long hair (boys and girls) is put up for school in an effort to help prevent the outbreaks of head lice which are so common. Please can all hair be tied neatly, with only small clips and elastics to fasten them. Please see our uniform policy in the office section of the website for further information. <http://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/>

We would like to thank you for your continued support with all the additional safety measures we have had to put in place and hope that the new year ahead will be a happy and healthy one for all concerned.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Bowkett



Mr Boyle



Mr Styles Mr



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