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## Horspath C of E School Newsletter

### 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the start of the Autumn term. We are delighted to have all the children back in school and to see the new reception children for the first time. You may remember that we have some new staff, welcome again to Miss Proctor and Miss Ousley who work with Oak class, to Mrs Rapley, who works with Acorn and Mrs Patterson who works with Acorn and Lime.

#### **September Arrangements & minor tweaks**

Thank you for observing social distancing and sticking to our one-way-out system. If you could continue to follow the rules we would be grateful as it will enable us to avoid implementing a staggered start and end to the school day.

**Bubbles:** We have decided for supervision and health and safety reasons to reduce to 2 bubbles instead of 3. Acorn, Beech and Lime will now be a bubble and Oak and Willow will be a bubble. This is reflected in our risk assessment which you can obtain by contacting the school office.

#### **Specialist visiting teachers**

We are continuing to have specialist teachers coming to school. However, in order to remain covid-safe teachers will not visit another school before coming here. In order to facilitate this, we have had to make some changes to when the visits take place. This means Lime will now have Art on Thursday and will not be doing yoga until after Christmas. I apologies in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. Acorn and Willow will be having Yoga this term.

#### **Music lessons**

Oak class will still be taking part in whole class instrument (clarinet) lesson however we have been informed that these may be virtual, online lessons and as the clarinet is a woodwind instrument, there may be restrictions on their ability to play them this term. Individual private music tuition will also take place, covid-safe arrangements will be in place.

#### **Friday assemblies**

We will not be able to invite you in for Family assemblies on Friday but we will still give out certificates and awards in a celebration assembly on Friday afternoons. We will try our best to post the names of those who have received awards and certificates in newsletters.

#### **Lunch arrangements**

The arrangements we have in place are working well however, as some children have nut allergies and the older children are eating quite close together in classrooms, may we please ask that no food containing nuts is sent into school.





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### Parent Mail

Hopefully some of you have received the newsletter via Parent Mail. We would like to move over to using Parent Mail as our main communication platform in the next few weeks. If you have not received an email and or text to activate your account please contact the school office by **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**. On Friday 11 September we hope to send all the class newsletters via parent mail.

### Family Talk Homework

Family Talk Homework will begin again on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September. This year we are revisiting our school vision and we will be using the Family Talk Homework to engage parents and families in the process. Please join in the discussion as much as possible, though we cannot invite you into school we still want to hear your thoughts on what our new vision should be.

### Term dates

In case you have missed them, here are the **inset days** for the year. The full list of term dates can be found on the school website.

Friday 23rd October 2020

Friday 18th December 2020

Monday 7th June 2021

Thursday 22nd July 2021

Best wishes and as always;  
Stay alert, stay safe but most of all stay blessed.

Mrs Rachel Medley

