

Well done everyone—we all got into school!!!!

It is such a joy to have everyone back and the school humming away with busy brains and happy chatter.

Well done for all you have done and achieved over lockdown.

You have been AMAZING!

## Start and End of the Day

As I write, we still have the end of the day to negotiate but I do hope you found the start of the day a bit easier, especially families with children in more than one year group. A reminder of times is on the back. Some initial thoughts from today. **PLEASE DO READ AND TRY TO FOLLOW FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY.**

- ◆ The timings are to ensure that no one needs to be queuing outside the gate. **If you did find yourself waiting then you were early** and need to arrive at or after the time for your year group. There is a 10 minute slot to arrive within so you do not have to arrive before hand.
- ◆ EY/KS1 times are staggered with KS2 so **if you have times that 'overlap'** (one child due in 5 minutes after the first), you can **come in the middle of the first child's slot** and both will be in at the right time.
- ◆ Any children coming in with siblings that **do not overlap**, can come in with the **child who's time comes first**. We will look after siblings in the KS2 hall and make sure they join their class at the right time, so no one is late for their class. (*Mrs Evans has spoken to some parents with children in Nur/TW and Year 1 about arriving towards the end of the Nur/TW time and walking round to Y1 and waiting but this must be as close to 8.40 as possible*).
- ◆ If you are dropping off Nur/TW children and have Y2 siblings, you can **drop them off at the KS2 hall** on the way round to the exit **or at the KS2 gate** before coming into school. If you want to walk around twice, you can take the path in front of school as a short cut rather than going out the gates again, but **please wait** there until it is time for Y2 to walk round at 8.50am.
- ◆ Please **do not wait around at the Exit gate** waiting for others or to talk.
- ◆ Please **remember to wear a mask if you are coming on site**.
- ◆ There should only be **one person walking children round**.
- ◆ **If you are late**, children will need to go to the KS2 hall to be marked in. If you arrive after doors are shut, **please ring the office and they will direct you as to which door to bring your child to**. It does break a bubble to do this, so please do your best to be on time.

Please do help us keep the flow of parents moving and only arrive in time for drop off not before so that we avoid any risk of transmission of the virus. Hopefully we are on the way out of this pandemic but there has been much speculation in the news of how rates will rise with schools reopening.

**WE MUST ALL DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO AVOID THIS. Thank you.**

We have been busy during lockdown.... .



You may see some of the outdoor improvements we have made—the path at the back of school has been resurfaced, the allotments are being tidied up and ready for planting, the edging around the KS1 playground has been boxed over and the area outside Y2 classroom is in the middle of a transformation to create a lovely quiet working area or playtime peace. For the children.

We are currently in the process of agreeing plans to update the KS2 playground which we hope will take place after the Easter holidays. We are looking to create an outdoor ‘gym’ facility, climbing frame and sports boards to create football goals, cricket wickets and other target sports. I shall publish the final plans in the newsletter so we can all get excited about it!

### News from Mr McGregor's Garden!

Spring has Sprung! We have some lovely Spring flowers coming through and the beds are being prepared for planting. We have seeds growing in greenhouses and some classes are growing their own seeds too!

Unfortunately our pumpkins did not survive our cold and very wet winter, but we have planted new seeds and will try again this year



### 'Give What You Can and Take What You Need Easter Raffle!

We are holding an Easter Raffle to raise some funds for the vegetable patch. There will be one Easter Egg winner from each class. If your child would like to take part please bring in £1 to the class teacher and their name will be placed into an envelope. The draw for the winners will be held on Wednesday 31st March.

Good luck Everyone!

**Mornings** (Any siblings arriving early need to walk up the KS2 path to the hall with their older siblings (no parents please). Staff will be around to help especially with the young children. EY/KS1 top gate (only one parent walking round) KS2 middle pedestrian gate (children only)

8:30-8:40	8:35-8:45	8:40-8:50	8:45-8:55	8:50-9:00	8:55-9:05	
<b>Nursery/ Teeny Weenies</b> (+ Any older siblings)	<b>Y5 and Y6</b> (+Any younger siblings—not TW/Nur as should be in)	<b>Y1</b> (+Any younger/ older siblings not already in )	<b>Y3 and Y4</b> (+ Any younger siblings not already in )	<b>Y2</b> (Any younger siblings not already in )	<b>Reception</b>	

**Pick up** KS1/EY parents collecting siblings from the hall, please collect on way out of school, not before walking round.

3:00-3:10	3:05-3:15	3:10-3:20	3:15-3:25	3:20-3:30	3:25-3:35	3:30-3:40
<b>Y5 and Y6</b> (Any with siblings can wait in the KS2 hall till the later pick up time)	<b>Y1</b> (Any with siblings in EY,Y2/3/4 may wish to collect Y1 child from the KS2 hall at the later time or walk around twice).	<b>Y3 and Y4</b> (Any with EY/Y2 siblings can wait in the KS2 hall till the later pick up time, or can be collected at correct time and parent walk around again)	<b>Y2</b> (Any with siblings in EY, may wish to collect Y2 child from the KS2 hall at the later time or walk around twice)	<b>Reception</b> (If picking up TW/Nur as well, Reception child will wait in class or parents can pick up at correct time and walk around again.		<b>Nursery/Teeny Weenies</b> (Older siblings can be collected from KS2 hall)