



# Marsh Green Newsletter

## Achieve, Believe and Celebrate

Tuesday 20th October 2020

### **Impact of School Closures**

We appreciate how difficult this first half term has been for many of our families due to us having to close some classes. At this time we have to take suspected Covid symptoms seriously and ask children or staff to be tested before coming into school.

On the rare occasion we have had a positive test result then we have had to take follow government guidelines of isolating all those that have had close contact. We take this tracing very seriously and work hard to make sure all contacts are informed. Because of this we have had isolated cases rather than seeing a large spread of the virus.

I thank you for your support and understanding in this. If your child has not been contacted directly to self-isolate it is very important they remain in school. When children are off work is provided via our school website and can be found under your child's class page through Twitter or Office 365.

Currently it is a legal requirement that school work is completed by children who have to remain at home. If there is difficulty accessing work on line it is important that school is informed so that paper copies can be provided.

**Have a lovely half term. Please keep an eye out for changes in the tier system in our local area. Keep contact to a minimum and let's work together to reduce the impact of Covid.**

### **Fitness Training**

Every week we have PE lessons in school. Some are run by the class teacher and some are run by WLCT. Each half term we will also be using some of our Sport's Premium money to buy in a PE expert. Over the past 2 Fridays he has been into school and worked with each class in turn to develop circuit training skills. Staff too have attended these sessions to build up their own skills and to be able to continue these kinds of activities with the children. All the children have really enjoyed these sessions and engaged well. We hope to be as fit as fleas at the end of the school year!

### **Social Distancing**

It is wonderful to see so many of our children eager and ready for school. Please help us keep everyone safe by not turning up to school until close to the opening time of their class. Nurseries open their doors between 8:30-8:50am. Reception-Year 6 open their doors between 8:40-9am. Thank you for supporting us with our one way system. We appreciate this can make the journey longer but we feel it is worth it to keep everyone as safe as possible.

### **Packed Lunches**

If your child needs to self-isolate and is eligible for Free School Meals a packed lunch can be ordered by phoning school before 9:00am on the days the meals are required.

### **St Barnabas**

At the moment St Barnabas is closed as it needs a complete new rewire. We know how much support St Barnabas gives to our families. We are in close contact with Reverend Rachel so please don't be afraid to come to see us if you need to make an appointment with her. Also if you have worries over bills or food we can signpost to agencies that can help. These can be difficult times for

### **Parents in School**

Unfortunately due to current restrictions we are not able to allow parents into school for our weekly learning sessions in class for the foreseeable future. This will also be the same for Parent's Evenings. Instead these will take place via phone calls. Watch out for the letters that will be coming out soon so that you can book your time.

### **Pre-loved Uniform and Clothing**

In school we have a selection of good condition pre-loved uniform and items of clothing. Mrs Weatherston, Mrs Green, Mrs Leigh, Mrs Bolus and Mrs Lowery are all available on the playgrounds in a morning. If you need any items of clothing or shoes just ask and we will see if we have what you need in the right size. We know how frustrating it can be to lose an item of clothing. Please make sure your child's name is in every item of clothing so that anything lost can easily be returned to its owner.

# Diary Dates



## November

Monday 2nd November—Return to School Year 1-Year 6

Monday 9th November—Parents' Phone Calls

Tuesday 10th November—Parents' Phone Calls

At the moment we do not know what restrictions will be in place leading up to Christmas. We would like some kind of celebration and we will hold some kind of party for the children.

It will be difficult to have our usual performances and our Christmas Fair will probably need to be put on hold.

### **Early Years Foundation Stage**

We do not know what the current situation is regarding the virus. We have been affected by the virus and have had to close our Nursery and Reception areas. These are being decorated but work is not quite complete. To be able to move back into our own rooms we will need to close Nurseries and Reception on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd. We apologise for this as we know our children have already missed school, but this work cannot take place whilst children are on site.

