

Newsletter

2nd October

Dear parents,

We have been really enjoying the lovely weather recently and the children have been doing lots of activities outside. As we move into Autumn, we still need to use the field for outside play. **Please ensure your child has wellie boots in school every day and a wet weather coat.**

We are continuing to keep classrooms well ventilated. The heating is on and the classrooms are still being kept at a comfortable temperature. If we feel it is getting colder we will advise you to ensure your child has additional layers, maintaining our school uniform colours.

Drop Off and Collection times

Thank you for adhering to our staggered drop off and collection times, these are important to ensure we are keeping your children as safe as possible. We appreciate that the location of the school makes this challenging for parents using cars, your patience and respect for others when navigating through Station Road is greatly appreciated. If you are able to walk to school, please do so. Some families may wish to consider parking at the Cliff carpark and walking from there to avoid Station Road altogether.

Home Learning

We have been working closely with our IT support to ensure the additional safeguarding measures relating to Microsoft Teams are in place. We are now in a position to provide each child with an email address and access to Team meetings set up by the schools. Individual details will be sent to you next week.

If your child is absent from school because they, or another family member is showing COVID -19 symptoms they should be working from home if well enough:

Day One of an absence: Work is available on the school website. This is easy to access and covers ongoing skills for the half term (we are aware that the first day of a family having to isolate is stressful with tests needing to be booked and parents needing to sort out work arrangements).

Day Two of an absence: You will be contacted by school and work will be emailed to you that, where possible, is in line with the work that is being completed in school, you will also be sign posted to BBC catch up programmes. The school will be in regular telephone contact and will be communicating with both yourselves and your child. If you are unable to print out the work provided at home, please inform the school and this will be delivered to you. For absences that extend beyond a few days then there will also be contact Via Teams and your child will be invited to join Collective Worship. Whilst attending Teams sessions please ensure your child is dressed appropriately (not pajamas for example and is in a suitable location (not a bedroom)).

If your child's whole bubble has been asked to self-isolate work will be sent home in line with the provision delivered during lockdown. In addition some lessons will be delivered by the class teacher via Teams and your child will be invited to attend collective worship.

In all cases children are expected to bring their work back to school on their return.

Wrap- Around Care

Children attending breakfast Club still need to be dropped off at the hall doors. If you are collecting your child from After School Club, please collect from the Hut (old Early Birds building).

Sports Club's children are to be collected from the brown wooden gates by the bike shed.

If you would like to book a wrap- around care session at short notice, please contact Jo Young earlybirds@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk

Staffing

Mrs Broady will be working from Tuesday to Friday as of 1st October. I will be teaching Acorns on Monday and am very much looking forward to spending time with our youngest children and getting to know our new children and families.

Parents Evenings

It will not be possible to hold parents' evenings on site for the foreseeable future. We will therefore hold parents' evening consultations via telephone this term. These will take place in the last week of this half term and the first week of the next half term. This will need to be over a series of days as we only have two telephone lines in school. You will receive a text when your child's class slots are available and these can be booked through Teachers2Parents. Prior to parents evening we will share the outcomes of your child's baseline assessments with you and your child's targets.

Occasionally we do need to meet parents on site. We have recently updated our visitor risk assessment and are now asking all visitors to wear a mask whilst onsite in public areas. If you are attending a meeting in school where we are able to social distance, we will not require you to wear a mask in the meeting itself. However, if you would prefer all adults to wear masks this can be arranged provided we have prior notice.

This month's value



RESPECT

*So whatever you wish that others would do to you,
do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

(Matthew 7:12)

When to keep your child off school

We appreciate that the guidance can be confusing as to when to keep your child off school and when a COVID test is needed. Below is a helpful flowchart

