

Newsletter

14th September

Dear parents,

We have been really impressed with how well the children have settled back to their first full week in school, both with their enthusiasm to learn and in the speed in which they have adapted to all the new routines. We are in the process of carrying out baseline assessments and will be using these to ensure we have the correct provision in place for every child going forwards.

Drop Off and Collection times

In order to keep everyone as safe as possible please ensure you are following school policy in relation to drop off and collection times by:

- **Keeping to the time allocation for drop off and collection times**
- **Following the one-way system for drop off and collection times and maintaining social distancing whilst in outside the school perimeter ie the park and pavements**
- **Reducing congestion on at drop off and collection times by walking to school if possible**
- **Ensuring only one adult per family comes on site during drop off and collection**

Class teachers will open the classroom doors at 8:30 am every morning. Some parents are arriving early for their drop off and collection times (especially at 8:30am and 3pm) We cannot have too many people on site at any one time. If you arrive early you will be asked to remain outside the school grounds. Please can you also refrain from waiting on pathways at cross over points, or allowing your child to mix with children outside of your family or class bubble as children walk through the playground. Please also exit the site as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child. Please refrain from having conversations with other parents if they break the 2m social distancing guidance. Dogs are not allowed on site.

I appreciate that these measures make drop off and collection times feel very different than before however I am sure that you will all support myself and the governors in ensuring the school remains as safe a place as possible for our children, staff and all our families.

Illness

Several children have come down with a cold on their return to school. If your child has runny nose but is well enough to attend school they may do so (in the same way that they would have done previously). If, however, your child develops any of the following then they will need to be tested:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough
- a sudden loss of taste or smell

Only family members showing symptoms should be tested, however all family members will need to self-isolate until the test results are known. We have greatly appreciated parents sharing their child's negative test results with us and for the perseverance that families have shown in getting tests booked or arranging for a home test to be sent. Hopefully the pressure on test centres will subside in the weeks to come!

If your child is at home waiting for a test result, having to self-isolate due to another family member or having to self-isolate in the event of a class bubble isolating work will be set for them. This is available on the school website on the home learning pages. If your child has had a negative test result and has not developed any additional symptoms they should return to school provided they are well enough.

PE and After School Club Days

We are asking children to arrive in PE kits on the days that they have PE:

Monday: Acorns (Reception and Year 1) and Limes (Year 1 and 2)

Wednesday: Willows (Years 3 and 4) and Alders 6 (Year 6)

Friday: Alders 5 (Year 5)

If your child has an after school sports club they may also wear their PE kit for the day:

Monday: Archery (Y5)

Tuesday: Dodgeball / Fitness (Y2)

Wednesday: Tri golf / Fitness (Y1)

Thursday: Cross Country (Y6)

Friday Football (Y3/4)

If you would like to book a sports club or before and/or after school care please contact Jo Young: earlybirds@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk

Break time Snacks

As part of our Recovery Curriculum we will be focusing on healthy living. Please ensure your child brings a healthy snack to school. For example:

- Fruit
- Cheese
- Yoghurt

Snacks such as crisps, biscuit and chocolate bars are not allowed

Secondary School Open Days

Please be aware that it is unlikely that any secondary schools will be holding their usual open days for Year 5 and 6 parents this term. This is in keeping with Local Authority guidance at this current time.

TikTok

Gloucestershire Police are aware of a video circulating on TikTok and other platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat which shows a male taking his own life. For parents' awareness, the still of this video is an image of a male with a beard, seated at a desk. Whilst social media platforms have removed the original video, it has been widely re-shared and some users are embedding the video within others to trick other users into watching it.

For more information on keeping your child safe online please see:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



This month's value ~ Perseverance