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11th September 2020

Happy Friday!

This week we have really begun to settle into the new routine and I have to say - the staff and children have made me extremely proud. The children are taking so many things in their stride – staggered playtimes, separate playtimes, staff wearing PPE, less movement in class – and are smiling and learning. I know that is because amongst the precautions and the processes we now have in place, staff are helping it to still feel like our school. Our adults are working extremely hard to maintain the warmth, care and fun that our children are used to and I hope that is coming through to the children.

I am mindful that we are still very early on in this new chapter and we will be continuously reviewing the risk assessment and related approaches to ensure we balance safety with meeting the emotional and academic needs of the children. However, this first step – getting the children in, happy and learning – has been overwhelmingly positive.

Breakfast and After School Club... Our fabulous Breakfast and After School Clubs opened this week following extensive planning and preparation by the teams. The layout is a little different as we are keeping the children in year group bubbles in line with the current guidance. However, we are still able to enjoy our usual activities like arts and crafts, mindfulness, origami and lots of outside play. There are currently some spaces available and booking and payment can be made via Parentpay.

Online Learning... In the unfortunate event that we have a positive test for Covid in school, one or more connected year group bubbles will have to close and the children will have to learn from home. In this event, government guidance is for the teaching we provide to be online. We will be developing our use of Microsoft Teams for this which many of you became familiar with in the summer term. I heard from many parents during that initial period of lockdown expressing concerns about online learning and supporting the choice we were able to provide you with, so I am just making you aware that in the event of part closure reoccurring, we would no longer be able to offer the same choice. To access Teams you will need to download the App or access via a web browser, and we will send more information in due course with a view to being ready for action by the end of September.

The school run... I cannot express how grateful I am for the incredible community effort at the start and end of the day. The reduction in traffic to the school has been remarkable and has led to a momentous shift. Instead of engines, we hear chat, laughter and footsteps. Children are arriving calmly and happily and above all – safely. Thank you so much!

With your ongoing support, we can bring about a momentous shift in culture so I urge you to now look ahead over the coming weeks and months, particularly as winter draws in, and look for any obstacles to you being able to continue the car-free habit. Please plan ahead now - agree meeting points with other parents, plan for days when you will need to drive on to work, invest in a brolly and some waterproof trousers... whatever steps you can take, please consider them now to avoid panic-jumping in the car at 8.35 on a cold wet November morning. Thank you.

Thank you to everybody who has registered on the HomeRun app. This app is intended to support those arrangements and also bring in and help connect people who may otherwise not have known what was on offer. If you haven't done so already, please use the link below to join our school's network and download the app: <https://user.homerun-app.com/welcome/sspcs3892p/sspcs> . Thank you in advance.

Thank you for a great first full week (and congratulations to our new Reception children for reaching this significant milestone!). Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman



Library books...

Thank you to everyone who has kindly taken care of our class and library books over the summer. This is much appreciated.

As well as this, thank you to those who have already returned them. If you have not yet done so, please return any reading books that belong to the school to your new class teacher and they will pass them on.

The library team are working hard get all books back ready to start lending again soon.

Many thanks,
Mr Preedy

Fun and safe outdoor dance classes in Bath...

Boogie n Bath is launching outdoor, COVID compliant dance classes in Bath for children aged 5+. They are fun, interactive sessions and will enable your child to partake in safe and enjoyable exercise with qualified, CRB checked professionals.

Dance and performing arts are proven to increase children's confidence and have a positive effect on their health and wellbeing, which is crucial normally, but especially in today's current situation.

Classes are £10 and will take place in small groups with an instructor.
Sessions to be held on Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 in Alice Park.

For more information please contact BoogienBath@gmail.com

