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Head Teacher's Newsletter 24th February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to extend a welcome to all our remote learners as well as those currently in school. We trust that you had an enjoyable half term and were able to get some time away from the tablets / computer screens.

Having received the welcome news from the Prime Minister, we are currently planning for the full reopening of the school on March 8th. We have therefore revised our risk assessments and procedures for when the full complement of children return.

As prior to Christmas, we will continue to operate staggered start and finish times as follows:

Children with surnames beginning with:	Parents / Children Arrive on site	Children enter class	Parents / Children Arrive on site	Children leave class
A - G	8.35am	8.40 am	2.55pm	3.00pm
H-O	8.55am	9.00 am	3.10pm	3.15pm
P-Z	9.10am	9.15am	3.25pm	3.30pm

If you have previously changed the allocated time through consultation with school, then we ask that you use the drop off and collection times that have been agreed.

Please note that entry and exit to and from the school will be from the vehicle gate on the high street and the pedestrian gate adjacent to the Kiddiecare pathway, a member of staff will be on duty on each gate to guide you if required. We ask that all parents / carers follow the designated one-way system.

Please note that it is essential that all adults and children over the age of 12 wear face coverings on entering the site. Adults who are exempt from wearing face coverings must display their lanyards or exemption passes.

Attendance

Please note that as Head teacher, I have been advised to inform all parents that attendance is mandatory for all pupils from the 8th March unless your child is classed as Extremely Vulnerable and has a shielding letter. We are also requested by law to follow our attendance procedures should a child not attend school from this date.

Before and After School Provision

From Monday 8th March we will be reopening the before and after school provision. Bookings for this service must be made in advance through the Eduspot booking system to enable us to prepare the area for the correct number of children.

Please note that drop off for the before and after school clubs is through the Verdin Exchange car park. Please use the pathway adjacent to Kiddiecare to enter site and follow the one-way system on exit.



World Book Day – Thursday 4th March 2021

World Book Day will look slightly different this year due to the restrictions that we currently face. Rather than asking the children to dress up as book characters, we would like the children at home to create a mask of their favourite book character, which can then be worn during World Book Day. The children at school will also be able to make a mask during the week of World Book Day.

The teaching staff are going to run, short reading sessions, which your child can choose to attend; these will run from 9am-2:30pm. Those children in school will be able to access specific sessions voted on by the class. We will distribute a timetable for the day and will post the links in the General Channel on Teams, so that the children can choose which stories they would like to listen to.

Scholastic are also putting on a range of workshops throughout the day, which we would encourage the children to take part in. We will distribute an email shortly to explain how you can book your child onto the workshops. You will also receive a World Book Day book token in the same email.

As a school, we have also decided to focus on a whole school text for the week leading up to World Book Day. The children will have opportunities to complete activities related to the text throughout the week, which will be geared to a level suitable for their age group.

PTA Valentines Raffle

I am pleased to inform you that Jessica O in Year 3 was the overall winner of the PTA Valentine's raffle. Many thanks to all who took part in the event and to Vicky Raddy for supplying the cakes.

School Meals

Please note if you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, then they are automatically entitled to Universal Free School Meals. These can be ordered by your child on a daily basis. We are currently on Week 1 of the School Menu, which is available on the school website.

Pupil Premium

During these difficult times, we realise that many members of the school community will have lost their jobs. Should you be in receipt of any of the following benefits, then you might be entitled to Free School Meals (and therefore Pupil Premium) for your child:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If successful in your request, then your child will be entitled to free meals for 6 years in addition to significant discounts off school visits once we restart them. To see if you are entitled to this, please call: 0300 123 7039 the process takes only a few minutes, but could save you a considerable amount of money.

During the coming weeks please do not hesitate to contact us should the need arise via the school office or please use the following email accounts:

Reception: reception@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

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Year 2: year2@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

Year 3: year3@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

Year 4: year4@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

Year 5: year5@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

Year 6: year6@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

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Kind regards

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