

The M Paper

Thursday 10th September



Welcome Back!



Thank you Thank you Thank you

What a fabulous start to the new school year. I always love the first few days back in Sept; seeing how much everyone has grown, meeting new children, finding out what everyone's been up to etc., but it's been especially wonderful this September with everything that has been going on.

I feel so fortunate to be able to spend time with these amazing children and it really puts everything into perspective. I really wanted to say a huge thank you to all families for bringing your children back and trusting that we will do everything we can to keep everyone in our school community safe. Understandably there has been some mixed emotions but now the children are back in, in many ways it feels like things are back to a 'new normal' – but a very safe, fun and familiar normal. I also wanted to thank families for showing such understanding and compliance with the new measures we've put in place – especially the prompt 8:40am – 8:45am drop off in the morning – it's allowing us to keep everyone safe and ready for the day ahead.

It's brilliant that we've welcomed a significant number of new families this September which is really wonderful and I've particularly enjoyed getting to know these new children and their parents – I'm always amazed and impressed how quickly children settle into new situations and grow in confidence and enjoy making themselves at home! It's brilliant!

Fingers crossed we will be able to continue with our 'new normal' routines for the foreseeable future and the children will continue getting the social and educational input they deserve and need.

Whilst it's not been quite a conventionally start to a new school year, it certainly has been a really positive one, so thank you again.

Louise Crocker
Headteacher

Sending Children Home

We have received both county and national guidance about when to send children home. The three key Covid indicators are;

1. A high temperature
2. A new and continuous cough
3. Loss of taste or smell.

If your child develops any of these symptoms in school we will have to send them home immediately and they will have to get a Covid test. This also means that everyone in your household will have to stay at home until the test results come back. Please know that we are very aware of the serious consequences for families but this is government guidance which we all have to follow. For this short period of time, the inconvenience of getting tested is crucial to helping to stop the virus spreading.

Other symptoms e.g. running nose etc - If your child is displaying other minor symptoms but feeling well in themselves, we're happy for them to still come into school.

If you are unsure, please give the school a call and we're happy to have a chat.

School Events – Autumn Term

Sadly this term it will not be possible to hold events like class assemblies, parent's evenings or, looking ahead, our usual Christmas events. We are currently looking at alternative ways of still holding some events e.g. we exploring 'Zoom' parent's evenings or filming class assemblies to share with you. We will let you know more details as soon as we have new solutions.



