

# The M Paper

Thursday 8th October

## Message from Mrs Crocker

Firstly I'd like to apologise for not producing the M paper on a weekly basis recently. I am aware this is a crucial communication channel for many of you and not receiving a weekly 'update' has not been ideal. The additional Covid pressures have been huge in school and it's been a tricky balancing act in these first few weeks.

Having said that, on the whole, the start of the Autumn Term has started smoothly – all things considered. The children have been brilliant and adapted well to their new 'bubble' playtimes, they're all sensible with the increase in hand hygiene and have not shown much, or any, issues with the adults wearing masks at the start and end of the day. This is not to say though that everything has been plain sailing. I am incredibly grateful for all parents for being so supportive and understanding in the current situation. I wanted to be very clear, the situation we find ourselves in is not easy for anyone and the decisions we make are based on the advice and guidance we've received from the government. I am so grateful for the support and understanding we've had from the whole school community and this has really helped.

I am also aware that the usual 'informal' communications e.g. a quick chat with a member of staff at the start/end of the day, has not been as easy recently. These communications are crucial to prevent small things becoming bigger problems. Please email or phone if you do want to catch a member of staff and are finding it tricky.

I really do want to express my thanks once again for everyone's support and understanding. It's not an easy time for anyone, but it makes things much better with everyone working together.

Louise Crocker

## Lateness

Please ensure you drop your child off promptly at between 8:40am and 8:45am.

**8:40am – The first bell rings to open the green gate and children can go to their outdoor bubble areas.**

**8:45am – The second bell rings and children line up outside their classrooms ready to go in.**

It is essential for every child to start the day off in a calm and consistent manner. If you're a few minutes late this can cause a lot of unnecessary stress for a child and also they'll often miss crucial morning instructions from their teacher. Please ensure you help your child to have the best start to the day.

## Parent's Evenings

We have decided to postpone our usual Autumn meetings. However, if you have any questions/concerns or anything else, please contact admin and the teachers will happily give you a ring/email etc or arrange a Covid safe chat if that's more appropriate.

## Dogs

Please remember, if you have a dog with you in the car park, it must be on a lead as some children are quite frightened of dogs. Also, if you take your dog for a local walk, please ensure you pick up after your dog. We use our local surroundings regularly and the children are often searching in hedge-rows/verges, so we need to ensure they're safe to do so.

## Snacks

If your child would like a morning playtime snack – please ensure they just bring fruit or veg to eat.



## Dates for your Diary

Oak Class Canoe trip-Friday 23rd October

Half-term holiday-Monday 26th October-30th October

INSET Day– Monday 2nd November

Last day of term– Thursday 17th December

