

Friday 10th July 2020

Dear Parents and Families,

Following the government's announcement that that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term, we have been busy preparing to welcome you all back safely on Monday 7 September following two staff training days the week before. Our risk assessments will include the following considerations:

- Children will return to their normal classes, however, the classes will be treated as bubbles to reduce contact
- Regular handwashing will take place on arrival, after playtimes, before lunch, after PE, after going to toilet.
- Pupils will be entering and exiting school via outside classroom doors. Although times of the school day will return to normal, we will adopt a 'soft start' to the school day with children coming straight into classes once the gates are open.
- Staggered break and lunchtimes for each class.
- There will be class assemblies only instead of whole school Collective Worship.
- Restrictions to number of pupils at a time in toilets
- Cleaning to continue during the day as well as at the end of the day.

We are aware that some children will need support with transition back to school after a long period of absence. We will also make suitable adjustments to the school curriculum in the autumn term to address any gaps in children's knowledge and give them opportunities to catch up.

Although we are nearing the end of the school year our pupils continue to work hard in school and at home. Here are just some of the things they have been getting up to this week.



This week in Chestnut Class the children have been learning how to measure the length of objects. The children made their own Very Hungry Caterpillars and used these to develop their understanding of the concepts "longer than" and "shorter than".

Archie and Malakai took this activity a step further and compared their own length with the lengths of different guttering and planks from our outside construction area.





At The Norman the Year 6 children have been writing their memories of primary school. They have produced some wonderful pieces of writing and it has been lovely to read the memories that have stayed with them. We have featured Isaac's primary school memories of Norman on the back page of the newsletter.



Also at Norman Oscar from Robins class has been putting his time at home to good use learning to fish with his dad & grandad.



Hermione from Hedgehog Class who has painted an amazing African sunset picture at home.

Here is a photo sent in by Roisin's Mum to show what she's been up to at home. She has also been growing vegetables and learning how to look after her new pet rabbit!



Henry in Duchy's Squirrels class has been busy writing poetry. He was very pleased to be featured in this week's newsletter. You can read his poem on page 3 of the newsletter.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr Owen Rhodes
Executive Head Teacher

Reminders

If you have a child in Reception, Y1, Y6 or Key Worker family who you would like to return to school, please make sure you contact the school office beforehand, and try to give us one week's notice, to enable us to meet our safety requirements.

Please make sure that all children are dropped off and collected at their allocated staggered times (not early!) to prevent the pupil groups mixing.

For safeguarding reasons, we ask that if your child is expected to attend school on a particular day, and will not be attending, please phone and leave a message. You should please state your child's name, class and the reason for their absence.

For the safety of the children, yourselves and also our neighbours can we please ask that when you drop off, pick up or visit any of our schools that you park safely and avoid parking too close to the school gates and never on the yellow zig zag lines outside school. Please also park with consideration to our neighbours around all schools.

Term Dates 2019/2020

Summer term

Monday 1st June - Tuesday 21st July 2020

Summer holiday: Wednesday 22nd July - Friday 4th September 2020

Term Dates 2020/2021

Staff INSET days – 3rd/4th September 2020, 22nd/23rd October 2020

Autumn term

Monday 7th September - Wednesday 21st October 2020

Half-term holiday: Thursday 22nd - Friday 30th October 2020

Monday 2nd November - Friday 18th December 2020

Christmas holiday: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2021

Spring term

Monday 4th January - Friday 12th February 2021

Half-term holiday: Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2021

Monday 22nd February – Friday 26th March 2021

Easter holiday: Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April 2021

Summer term

Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May 2020 (Monday 3rd May is a Bank Holiday)

Half-term holiday: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021

Monday 7th June - Wednesday 21st July 2021

Summer holiday: Thursday 22nd July - Friday 3rd September 2021

A Poem for Grandad Pops

By Henry



You are the blue sky looking down at me,
You are the plum left on your plum tree.
You are the jam we made with your plums,
You are the diamond I found under your garden.
You are the sunshine shining down on me,
You are the soul inside the world.
You are the life inside me,
You are the light in my life that guides me in my
journey.
You are the help when I work,
You help me when I get hurt.
You are dead but will always be right beside me,
You are gone but still near.
Look up, hi grandad pops, you are dead but still here.



Memories of Norman

By Isaac

As I approached the ginormous aluminium gates, my heart was beating like a hammer hitting metal. Although I felt sick, I walked inside to be greeted by a happy and cheerful lady called Mrs Wright; she took me under her wing and guided me through my first day.

I remember on a sunny summers day in reception, Mrs Wright transformed the outside area into a beach. It was amazing! We ate loads of ice cream. We decided it would be a good idea to take a big bite. However, this was a disaster! Our brains felt like they had been shut in a freezer, sharp shooting pains filled our heads but as soon as they came they began to pass again.

In the autumn, the leaves began to fall off the trees and the weather began to change and get colder. This didn't stop us! We went to forest school. Firstly, we had to get on a great big white mini bus, we drove to a lay by and we had to walk through rustling, crisp leaves which covered our feet. We toasted marshmallow's over a red-hot crackling fire. The marshmallows formed into gooey, deliciousness. To complete this amazing experience, we had hot chocolates' which warmed our hearts. It was great.

As we were learning about Egyptians, Mrs Bagge had planned to take us to the Swaffham museum and it was fun and historic. We were exposed to the gruesome examples of how people were mummified. Did you know they remove their brains through their noses? Ouch, that would hurt.

One day in year four, Miss Vaughan had planned a history day on the Romans. We dressed up in our fancy and funky clothes and Miss Vaughan laid on a spectacular feast of Roman food. It was an explosion of colour and tastes, some which filled my mouth with joy, some that made my stomach churn and gurgle like a witch's cauldron and some that were just weird and different but fun.

Now the fun begins. In Year 5, we went on a school holiday for three days where we become explorers and adventurers, we got to do loads of exiting activities. One day we were rock climbers, scaling Mount Everest on a gigantic climbing frame, the next day we were super heroes zooming through the sky on zip wires, conquering the world! Then we were speed demons, kicking up dirt as we zoomed on buggies. Finally, we were intergalactic spacemen shooting aliens with lasers.

Now we are in Year 6 with so much to look forward to: leavers' plays, blue jumpers and much more, but a dreadful pandemic happened called Coronavirus. We were all put in lockdown and had to isolate. We were shut behind closed doors and had to be home-schooled. It was great to begin with, as I became a lazy troll that would stay in bed most of the day, but then things changed. Being locked away from the once busy world can become a lonely place, especially when you can't see your friends and family. It became annoying, making my blood boil. But now we are back at school for our last few weeks of primary school life creating some great memories.

As I approached the once ginormous gates my body started to really tremble, my heart beating like a hammer on metal, my legs dragged me through the gates, leaving the teachers and friends behind. My primary school years have come to an end. Will my new school be as memorable as this school?