

Tuesday 8th September 2020

Dear Parents,

It has been great to see you and have the children back in school. As Mrs Walker pointed out last week, the children have breathed life back into the building. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families. The children have all been brilliant and taken the new routines in their stride. It may be that some of these routines need tweaking but rest assured, we will let you know if any will affect you at home.

Reading Books

During the first few days of the term, we have been listening to your child(ren) read individually to ensure they have a reading book that is right for them. The way in which we share the reading books with you and the children will largely stay the same with a few changes to ensure we can adhere to COVID guidance. This will be as follows;

- Your child will bring home a book or books (this will be dependent on availability) and a reading diary.
- The book(s) and diary will be returned to school together on a specified day
- Books are to be kept at home for the week and return on the day for your child's year group
- Careful hand-washing hygiene before and after handling the books and diary will help to minimise the spread of germs
- Your child will also have a book from the same box in school
- Year One's day to return book(s) will be Monday
- Year Two's day to return book(s) will be Wednesday
- Year Three's day to return book(s) will be Monday
- Year Four's day to return book(s) will be Wednesday

By keeping to specific days we hope to create a smooth running quarantine procedure which we will need to strictly adhere to for everyone's safety. After keeping to the plan above for a week or so, we would appreciate your feedback so that we can be fully informed if any tweaks need to be made.

May we please remind you that it is good practice for your child to read a book more than once, particularly the shorter ones. Feel free to read or share books of your choice from home, if you do we'd love to know so please include them in the reading diary. Also, please be assured that your child reads throughout the school day. Not only do the children access specific reading lessons but reading happens in every curriculum subject, on the interactive classroom boards and lesson resources.

Thank you for your patience with all the new routines in school, it is appreciated as is your feedback to help us make things run as smoothly as possible for all.

Best wishes,

Mrs Manby