

June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

IMPORTANT Updates on key school events due to covid restrictions – Sports Day, Year 5/6 production, Open Evening.

Following the most recent restrictions in government guidance and having to keep our children in bubbles, unfortunately we are **not** going to be able to have parents/carers attending our planned Sports Day, Y5/6 performance and 'Meet the teacher' open evening. I appreciate that this is very disappointing for all of our families and that many of you may have booked time off of work so that you could attend. Hopefully, this will be the last time that we will be in this situation. Our hope is that by everyone following the government guidance we can continue to protect our school community from Covid-19 so that in the next academic year we will be able to run events as 'normal'. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

In the meantime, **Sports Day** for the children will run as normal without spectators. In addition to this, we have planned a sports week the same week with 'Sport 4 all' and 'The Future Games' delivering exciting activities for the children. Further details will follow so that you will know which days to send your children in wearing their PE kit.

Year 5/6 production – the children's performance will be recorded and then uploaded to the school's website with the ability for you to watch it. Should you not wish your child to be included in this recording then please contact the school office and let them know.

'**Meet the new teacher**' evening was originally planned for next Wednesday. Due to restrictions, this will not be able to happen. However, the children will still meet their new teacher on Wednesday 7th July for a transition day. The teachers will be recording videos for you and the children to view which will include a welcome from them and a presentation about what to expect when they move up to their new classes. There will not be an event in the evening.

Staff changes

Sadly, at the end of this term Mr Ramsay will be leaving us to pursue a career abroad. We thank him for all of his hard work and wish him all the very best on his adventure, he will be missed. Miss B Wright (teaching assistant) is moving on to pursue new challenges. Two of our catering staff Mrs Tallboy and Ms Millard are also leaving us. Mrs Tallboy is retiring and Ms Millard is off to pastures new. We are welcoming some new members of staff joining us in September: Mr Banihashemi who will be teaching in Year 3 and Miss Tyrrell who will be joining us as a teaching assistant.

Baby news

We have some really exciting baby news to share, Mrs Matsangou is expecting a baby in the Autumn term! Also, more baby news: Mrs Francis has had a lovely baby girl, Elise Emma Poppy Francis, both Mum and baby are doing well.

Wrap around costings

I have reviewed the provision that we currently have in place for the children. My aim for September 2021, is to ensure that the children who attend tea club do not just have a light snack for their meal, but instead they receive a substantial 2- course meal. This will provide reassurance for parents/carers that their child has received a 'proper dinner' before they come home. The sorts of meals that the children will have will be varied and there will be a vegetarian option available. As usual, we cater for children with dietary requirements and the meals will reflect the high standard of our hot school lunches, prepared by our fantastic school catering team, led by the amazing Chef Diane.

Parking

Parking outside of the school on the yellow zig zags is still a grave concern that has been raised by us as a school and concerned parents. We have reported our concerns to the police and MK Council on numerous occasions and we have requested a police presence to support this. I am also escalating this to our local MP in the hope that there will further action taken regarding the misuse of the road outside the school. Where cars from local residents have parked blocking access, they have received a note from us to ask them not to park where they are obstructing. However, parents/carers have been photographed parking on the yellow zigzags which is making it extremely dangerous for our children coming into and leaving school.

Please can you ensure that you **do** use the car park where possible and **do not stop on the zigzags** outside the school.

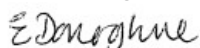
Covid - 19 update - Face coverings

We still need to be vigilant regarding the spread of Covid-19, particularly with the new variant of Coronavirus which has been now been identified in a number of schools in Milton Keynes. Please can you ensure that when you are dropping off and collecting your child **you are wearing a face covering** (unless you are medically exempt). There are still a number of parents who are not wearing them at the school gates. It is essential that we are still all working together to protect our school community against the spread of Covid-19 and following social distancing guidelines.

We are all still awaiting the latest update from the Government about the next step of the 'roadmap'. Until such time that we receive any further information, we will continue with the protocols that we currently have in place to protect the school community from the spread of Covid-19.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Miss E Donoghue



Headteacher

Dates for Diaries

Monday 5th July	<i>Reports out to parents and letters for new classes</i>
Wednesday 7th July	<i>Transition Day – children move up to their new classes</i>
Monday 12th	<i>Start of sports week for the children</i>
Wednesday 14th July	<i>Sports Day for children</i>
Thursday 22nd July	<i>Break up for summer holidays</i>
Thursday 2nd September	<i>INSET day</i>
Friday 3rd September	<i>INSET day</i>
Monday 6th September	<i>Children return to school</i>