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'One federation family, with transformation at its heart'

Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Certificates

Stars of the week -

Class 1 – All of Class 1 - *for settling back into school life with such positivity and working so well with one another.*

Class 2 – Bailey G - for throwing himself back into learning with resilience and for being the wonderful, mature, helpful and kind year 6 that he is.

Children receiving praise postcards from the headteacher this week –

Being creative – Emily

Being positive – Harry

Being collaborative – Kyanna C

Being positive – Kyle M

School lunches next week

Monday – Cheesy pizza

Tuesday – Pasta bake

Wednesday – Bacon steak

Thursday – Minced beef and mashed potato

Friday – Fish and chips

Once again a huge welcome back to all!

This week we opened our doors to all children for the first time this year and it was a delight to see our school return to a vibrant and busy place of laughter and learning.

I would like to express a big well done to all of our children who have bounced through the school gates and coped well with the differences to remote learning. I am certain that they will sleep well this weekend as we all know that a full day at school is very different to a full day of remote learning!

I take great pleasure in the fact that many of our children have been excited to return and see friends. Our aim for the remainder of this term is to ensure that children start to feel positive about school and learning. For some this will be easy yet we are aware of trepidation for others. Having said that there is great feel of warmth, happiness and calm in our schools.

It will be inevitable that as we progress through this academic year we will identify areas that we may have to change in order to improve systems, adjust our curriculum and keep our children as safe as possible but be assured these will be made to allow the best possible education for your children.



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It is vital that we all continue to follow social-distancing guide lines in and outside the school and please be aware that some adults and children may be more anxious than others. So please respect their feelings as we move about outside the school.

My staff have been delighted to see all the children this week and have done so with enthusiasm and care.

Support bubbles

I am very aware that some of our families have formed support bubbles and encourage this to enhance the well-being of your children but I would also like to remind you of the guidance:

Who can make a support bubble:

Not everybody can form a support bubble. However, on 2 December the rules changed to widen eligibility for forming one.

You can form a support bubble with another household of any size if:

- **you live by yourself**
- **you are the only adult in your household** who does not need continuous care as a result of a disability
- *your household includes a child who is under the age of one or was under that age on 2 December 2020*
- *your household includes a child with a disability who requires continuous care and is under the age of 5, or was under that age on 2 December 2020*
- *you are a single adult living with one or more children who are under the age of 18 or were under that age on 12 June 2020*

You should not form a support bubble with a household that is part of another support bubble.

Nurture schools

Across the federation we are currently working towards becoming a Nurture School, but what does that mean for you and your children?

What is Nurture?

'To Nurture is to care and protect someone or something while they are growing'

What does a Nurturing School mean?

Nurture schools are increasingly being introduced across primary, secondary and early learning settings. Research clearly shows the impact that Nurture can have on attainment as well as social and emotional wellbeing. At the heart of Nurture is a focus on wellbeing and relationships and a drive to support the growth and development of children and young people. A Nurturing approach has been promoted as a key approach to supporting behaviour, wellbeing, attainment and achievement in schools.

What is a Nurture Group?

Nurture groups offer a focused intervention which addresses barriers to learning arising from social, emotional or behavioural difficulties, in an inclusive, supportive manner. The Nurture group works alongside the whole school Nurturing approach.



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Science week 15th to 19th March

This year British Science Week will be taking place in school between 15th and 19th March with lots of exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities planned. Please see the posters attached to the newsletter.

Red nose day 19th March

For Red Day this year we are planning activities in the classroom for the children, they may come in non-uniform on Friday. We have a donations page set up on our ParentPay site which will send funds straight to comic relief -

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2865>

Wellies

A reminder to parents to please bring in a pair of named wellies to leave in school so children can enjoy our extensive outdoor areas.

Class 1

Mrs Jarvis will be sending out a reminder for homework each week for all children to access their online e-library. The books will closely link to the children's ZPD levels or the phonics letters and sounds we are learning in class and need to be accessed regularly. New books will be added each week as new letter sounds are introduced.

Access via <https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/>

All children have their log-in information in their reading records and were sent out during lockdown via dojo messaging. Please look out for new reading bookmarks to be sent out this week to support at home with reading and comprehension.

Congratulations!

On a final note I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Miss Childs who is expecting a baby in the summer holidays – this is wonderful news for her family and the school and we will endeavour to find a fantastic teacher to cover her maternity leave. We will of course keep you informed.

Have a good weekend

Ian Taylor

