



# NEWSLETTER w/e 4th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and are pleased that your children are now back in school! We are certainly enjoying having them all back in; it's good to have a little bit of normality. Thank you so much for all your cooperation this week. We really appreciate the efforts you have made to comply with the different gates, different times and the social distancing. Both the start and the end of the day now seem to be running much more smoothly.

As I said previously, I am actually aware that some of you are having to wait length periods of time between pick ups and we are trying to work out how we can improve things. As yet we haven't come up with a workable solution that will ensure everyone's safety, but please be assured that we will continue to try.

## Swimming

Swimming will start for Year 5 on Tuesday afternoon. Details have been sent out today.

## Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that breakfast club starts on Monday. Places are strictly limited and must be booked in advance by either emailing or telephoning the school office. The cost is now £2 per child per day.

## Parents meetings

As many of you know, we normally hold parent information evenings in the second week back. This year we are unable to do this because of Covid. Instead, staff are preparing detailed information to share with you so you are aware of the details of what to expect this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. To contact the class teachers, please use Class Dojo if possible. It is really important that everyone signs up to this as it is such a useful means of communication. Furthermore, should your child have to self-isolate for a period of time, they will still need to access school work and Class Dojo is a good way for teachers to support them with this.

## Dinners

We are hoping to start providing hot dinners early in October and are currently working out the logistics of doing this safely. In the meantime, sandwiches will be provided for all KS1 and F2 pupils who want them as part of the universal offer and for KS2 pupils who are entitled to free school meals.

## Photographs

The photographer will be in school on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September** to take individual photographs. Unfortunately, because of maintaining social distancing, we won't be able to accommodate family groups this year.

## Diverse Academies

We are continuing to work very closely with Diverse Academies. Claire Gledhill, one of the Diverse Teaching and Learning leads is now based at Hillocks for two days a week

We are still hoping to convert in January. As soon as I receive any further information on this, I will let you know.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes

Margaret Newcombe