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For every child a chance to shine*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back:

It has been so lovely to see everyone returning to school happy and enthusiastic for the second half of the summer term. I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing and sunny break and that you managed to catch up with friends and family.

Warmer weather reminders:

With the weather finally getting warmer a gentle reminder to ensure everyone has a named water bottle in school and a sun hat. Please can you apply sunscreen to your child before they arrive at school - please do not send the bottles of sun cream into school. Children will still need to have a change of clothing in their bags.

We also take this opportunity to remind you to adhere to the school uniform guidelines and in particular please note the following:

No Jewellery - for safety reasons children must not wear earrings on the days they have Forest School or PE. Staff are not permitted to remove the earrings so they should not be worn to school on these days. Children may wear sensible watches, these will be the child's own responsibility at all times.

Long hair should be tied back. Simple green or green and white hair bands only please.

No nail varnish.

Coats - Children will be asked to play outside in most weathers, it would be helpful if they have a suitable lightweight waterproof coat with them.

Class photos:

The children will be having their class photos taken this Friday 11th June. If your child has Forest School or PE please send the PE/Forest school kit in a bag ready for your child to change into after their photo has been taken.

Children's sporting events:

Sports day: On Thursday 17th June we are hoping that the children will be able to celebrate sports day altogether. They will be able to support and cheer each other on as they participate together as a whole school for the first time since the start of the pandemic. Class teachers will share photos of their classes on the website for you to view after the event. **Children will need to come into school in their PE kit on Thursday 17th June. Please remember a water bottle, sun hat and sunscreen.**

Team building: On Friday 18th June we will be hosting a team building day with our sports coach. Children will work together to traverse and navigate the gym equipment around the hall, working co-operatively to ensure all of their team succeed in completing the course. Equipment will be thoroughly cleaned in-between each class session in line with our school risk assessment. **All children will need to come to school in PE kit on Friday also.**

Delta variant:

Although case rates remain relatively low there are cases of the delta variant in Hertfordshire. We know this variant is more easily transmissible so it is vital that we all remain vigilant at this time. We will continue to follow our robust safety measures already in place outlined in the school risk assessment.

Covid 19:

Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test. Main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature (37.8 deg C or more)





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- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child is attending school please do not send children in to school if any of the following apply:

- they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- they, or any members of your household, have tested positive for COVID-19
- they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the common travel area
- they have been advised to isolate by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health protection team and provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with, if they test positive for COVID-19 or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- they haven't completed the full 10 day isolation period requested

Self-isolating is one of the most important things we can all do to help stop the spread of the virus and protect our loved ones and the vulnerable. You can read our helpful self-isolating guide

at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes
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