

Newsletter 1 (2020-21)

September 4th, 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back To Everyone!

I cannot tell you how much we are all looking forward to seeing you and the children again from next Monday! What a long time it has been – thankfully, we are beginning to get used to The New Normal!

You will have received a Back to School information sheet and this plan will stay in place for the first two weeks. As we all get used to the Class Bubble system, we will be able to see if we need to make any adjustments or tweaks. We will let you know as soon as anything needs changing.

Return dates:

Mon 7th: Reception, Year 2, Year 5, Year 6

Weds 9th: Year 1, Year 3, Year 4

Class	Start time	Entrance	Collected at
Nursery	8:50	Nursery gate (be aware of time when Rec children will come through the classroom to leave)	2:50
Reception	8:30	Nursery gate, then via KS1 stairs into playground and through external Rec door	2:30
Year 1	8:40	Main entrance	2:40
Year 2	8:40	Kitchen fire door (line up until called)	2:40
Year 3	8:50	Playground gate, then collected from playground. Go via ICT room stairs then onto main stairs	2:50
Year 4	8:40	Playground gate, then up the fire escape	2:40
Year 5	8:30	Playground gate, then straight up fire escape into classroom (start of day). End of day – head down main stairs at 2:25 (before Y6), then down via ICT room stairs into playground	2:30
Year 6	8:30	Main entrance, straight up main stairs into classroom. End of day – make sure that Y5 have already gone downstairs before leaving	2:30

Early Start to the School Day as well as an Early Finish

In order for us to manage the children coming to school in the morning and leaving in the afternoon safely, we have had to stagger times of arrival and departure. It would be impossible for everyone to come in at the same time due to the continued restrictions of social distancing.

I have taken into account that the 2:30 p.m., 2:40 p.m. and 2:50 p.m. finish has caused some parents concern about picking up. I understand. The early start means that children have the same amount of teaching time and working parents can get to work on time more easily. However.....

So, we are offering up to places for **four** in each class to stay in school until 3:30 p.m. These places will, in the first instance, be allocated to children of Key Workers and then working parents. If you are currently working from home or not working, you will need to collect your child/ren at the allocated time.

Please contact Miss Simmons (jsimmons@stsavioursprimary.co.uk) or Miss Rogers (kr Rogers@stsavioursprimary.co.uk) by 12 noon on Monday 7th September if you wish to be considered for one of these places. There will be no charge for this during the first two weeks.

If the collection times given to your children's classes are different, we have already noticed this. Miss Granite will be sending you a separate e-mail to give you a really good solution to this problem. Please look out for this!

Whatever the arrangement is finally made for your family, you must ensure the children arrival at school each morning and are collected each afternoon on time. Failure to do so will cause serious problems. If your child does not arrive on time in the morning, they will have to wait until after 9:00 a.m. before being allowed to enter the building.

A New Start for School Lunches

We are delighted to have signed a new contract with Harrison's Catering Company to provide school lunches from now on. Their new menus, ideas for improvements and general supportive for the work we do has been extremely encouraging.

At the moment, however, we are not going to be able to serve their delicious hot meals as the new routines do not allow for that - so watch this space.....

For the first two weeks of term, we will be serving school prepared packed lunches to all children who would usually have had a school hot lunch. This will help us maintain numbers which are required for our contract. Children who traditionally brought a packed lunch from home can continue to do so. All children in the Nursery should have a school packed lunch unless there is a dietary reason for not doing so.

Children will be able to choose their sandwich filling each day but, for everyone's peace of mind, I am suggesting that all Nursery and Reception children have the same filling which will change every day (they won't be having the same filling all week!!).

If your child does not like a particular filling (personal choice, dietary or religious reasons) please contact the school office ASAP. The choices are: cheese, tuna, egg or ham. We can also add tomato, cucumber and mayonnaise. Butter spread will be included in all sandwiches – this is an “in” joke for children who attended the Bubbles during June and July!

Breakfast Club will start on Monday 14th September. Please let Miss Simmons or Miss Rogers know if you would like your child to be included. Numbers will be limited.

School Mass and Assemblies

At the moment, we are not able to hold our School Mass in church or hold Key Stage or whole school assemblies. We are also not allowed to sing! This is really sad and I hope it won't last for as these special times are so important to us.

However, we will be holding whole school Zoom assemblies and the School Mass will take place at 2:00 p.m. each Monday. If you would like to attend any of these services, please let us know so we can send you the meeting details.

First Communion and Confirmation Service to be held on Sunday 13th September at St. Mary's Paddington Green at 11:00 a.m.

We are delighted that the First Communion and Confirmation Services will be going ahead on 13th September – this is such good news! There will be some changes to the service itself due to Covid

problems. The Holy Oil will be placed onto individual portions and Bishop John will sanitise his hands after blessing each candidate. Father Bradley has also asked that only parents, grandparents and Godparents for each child attend the service due to available space and social distancing.

There will be no After School Clubs or Extended Wrap Around for the first two weeks of term. We will do our best to ensure these start as soon as possible.

A Warm Welcome to New Children and their Families!

We are delighted to welcome the following children and families to our school community:

Reception:

Year One: Paul Aviles and Kitty Lawrence

Year Three: Zachariah Han and Elizabeth Pawlak

Year Five: Lucas Aishford

I will be sending a separate welcome to the new Nursery class next week!

So, until next week, I wish you all a wonderful and restful weekend which will, hopefully, be really sunny!

With love and best wishes,

Miss Woodford