

Dear Families,

It really is great to have everyone back in school. Every child, without exception, has made a positive start to the new year. We thank you for following the new routines to support us in adhering to the guidelines we must follow to ensure we run school as safely as we can. I am incredibly proud of the way all on our TEAM have approached our return to school and we are all ready to achieve great things this year.

This week we have undertaken a series of baseline assessments in English and Maths. This allows us to clearly identify children who would benefit from additional help and ensures that we are working on their specific areas for development. If we identify that your child requires additional support to get them back on track, we will make contact with you so you are aware of what you will need to do at home to consolidate and enhance the work we are doing in school.

Staffing

Our staff are here to help and support you with anything you want to ask, share or discuss. We all welcome your communication and encourage you to come to us if there is something you are not sure about or if something isn't clear. At this time we must reduce the number of people entering the school building, but staff are available by telephone, email or zoom meeting. Myself, Mrs Gibbons and Mrs Hughes are also there to speak to on the gate daily. At the end of the Newsletter you will find all of our contact details. Please keep this information so you are able to contact us if need be.

School learning & communication platforms

Over the past few months we have tested a number of Learning Platforms that have the potential to be used in our day to day teaching and also if we were in a lock down situation. These platforms ensure we are able to communicate easily with children and staff and also allow us to collect curriculum assessment information in one easily accessible place. Some of our systems are new to us and we appreciate your support as our staff learn how to use them and navigate their potential.

PING – We use PING as a way of sharing school information, notifications & surveys directly to an app on your phone. If you have any difficulty receiving messages please bring your phone to the school office so they can help. We suggest that if there is something sent that you may need to refer back to at a later date, you screen shot or download it so it can be easily accessed.

Padlet – This Term we have created our curriculum newsletters on Padlet. Teachers create curriculum newsletters so you are aware of the learning that is taking place in school and can compliment it at home if you wish. Padlets can be viewed by simply clicking on the web link that we send to you, there is no need to log in to Padlet. Links for each year group curriculum newsletters were sent last week by PING. We will continue to use Padlet as an interactive and concise way of sharing information.

Spelling Shed & Mathsletics (home learning)

Spelling and Mathematics homework continues to be set on alternating weeks and will remain live until the next home work is set. Spelling and Maths work is set at the appropriate level for your child so all children are able to complete the home learning activities set by their teacher.

Children must practice their spelling words until they are confident with all of the spellings set, children may then play the other spelling games within spelling shed. The more practice they do, the higher their personal and class team scores will be. Children must complete the Mathletics activities set by their class teacher. Once these are complete, they can then access a range of games and other activities. Log in details for both Mathsletics and Spelling shed can be found in reading diaries. Class teachers may also set additional home depending on your child's individual needs or year group. This will be communicated via Seesaw.

<https://login.mathletics.com>
<https://www.spellingshed.com>



Spelling Shed



Seesaw

Seesaw is a platform that allows us to save photos, assessment evidence, teaching resources and children's work. We can see the huge value in using it as a tool to communicate with families as well as a central place where we can capture some of the things that happen in lessons that aren't written in books. As we build our confidence over the next few weeks we will begin to unlock different features of Seesaw to further enhance how it is used in class and at home.

School Developments

We are delighted to share the fantastic news that we have successfully secured an MBNA Cheshire Community Foundation grant of £35,000 to redesign our Key Stage One outdoor learning area. This is fantastic news for our school and will make a huge difference to the curriculum we are able to offer our children for many years to come.

Many thanks to Mrs Dutton, Josh and Danny's mum, who supported our application to MBNA and to our staff members who are planning and designing the space alongside Pentagon Play. We are hoping that work will begin before half term so that children can start using it as soon as possible.

We are pleased to share that our school kitchen has again been awarded with a 5* hygiene rating. Mrs Gray and her TEAM work extremely hard to ensure that the standard of their food, the running of the kitchen and their adherence to guidelines and requirements are always maintained to the highest quality.

School routines

The start and the end of the school day have remained calm and we thank you for your continued adherence to the set start and finish times. PE kits will come home at the end of each week and we ask that they are washed and returned ready for the new week. Within school we have been incredibly impressed with the way all year groups have slipped straight into the new routines we have set. The atmosphere right across school remains calm and purposeful and we have certainly started as we mean to go on.

Please remain vigilant for symptoms of Coronavirus and do not send your children to school if they have any of the following symptoms;

- A high temperature
- 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 of taste or smell

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

If your child is well but needs to stay at home while you await test results or your family are required to isolate, work that is being covered in class will be posted on your child's Seesaw page so they don't miss the sequence of planned learning. Please be aware there may be a delay in work being posted on the same day that you inform us of an absence as teachers will already be in class teaching.

Below you will find dates to add to your diaries and contact details for staff. If you would like paper copies of this information please ask at the school office who will happily provide them.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Doyle and the Mill View TEAM

Dates to add to your diary - further dates will be added as events are arranged so please do check each newsletter for changes.	
Whole school zoom assembly You are all welcome to join us if you can. Meeting ID 898 5770 4189 Password assembly If you child is receiving a celebration assembly postcard their class teacher will let you know via Seesaw	Every Friday 10am
Individual school photos – We are currently awaiting confirmation from Tempest that this date still stands	15 th October
STEAM week celebration – you will be invited to join your child’s class during the afternoon remotely to share their learning	23rd October
Last day of Autumn Term 1	23rd October
STAFF INSET (No children in school)	02 nd November
First day of Autumn Term 2	Tuesday 3 rd November
Parents Evening – It is likely that parents evenings will be held remotely this Term. Time slots will be made available two weeks before.	10 th & 12 th November
Family carols in the forest – TBC dependent on social gathering restrictions at the time	09 th December
KS1 Christmas Performance – We will confirm the format of the performance nearer the time	15 th & 16 th December 1.45pm
KS2 Christmas Performance - We will confirm the format of the performance nearer the time	17 th December 1.30pm
Last day of Autumn Term	18 th December
First day of Spring Term 1	Tuesday 5 th January

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