

St Mary & St John CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has now been back in full swing for a whole week, well done everyone! The first week has worked remarkably well with school returning to some semblance of normal.



It has been lovely to meet so many of you on the gate in the mornings this week, thank you for being so warm and welcoming! The children have returned to school so enthusiastically, and everyone has responded to the new routines incredibly well.



Year 1 children in Willow and Chestnut classes have settled in brilliantly as they have started at Meadow Lane without the usual transition from Comper. It has been lovely to see them enjoying their learning, both in the classroom and in the wider outdoor classroom. We have welcomed a new teaching assistant, Joel Shepperd, and wish him well as he settles in and starts getting to know the Year 4 and Year 5 children.

As a school, we have enjoyed meeting together as a whole community again, but in a safe way. Children and staff are joining in whole school activities with some classes in the hall, while others join in remotely from their classrooms. In this way, we still have a sense of 'whole-schoolness' while limiting the risk. This has been a lovely way for the children to celebrate together.

At the start of the new school year, the children have been exploring what it means in our school to be ready, respectful and safe as we learn and play. They have talked about how wearing the correct uniform makes it easier to be ready to learn, and that using kind words, listening and being patient shows respect. We also decided that is safer to move around the school on 2 feet, rather than 2 wheels! So, children will be dismounting bikes and scooters before they enter the school grounds to try and avoid collisions. Ready, respectful, safe is something we will be exploring further this term as we revisit the 'school rules'.



Let all that you do be done in love...

1 Corinthians 16:14

Our After-School Club, known as Plus Base, has already started, and after school activity clubs will begin next week. We have managed to temporarily staff Breakfast Club which will be up and running again from **Tuesday** morning. Cereal, toast and fruit will be provided. There is no need to book, and children can be dropped off from 8am. If you also have a child attending Comper, you can drop children who attend our Meadow Lane site at Breakfast Club from 8:30 at no cost. You can gain entry to Breakfast Club via the double doors at the end of the building along from reception. There will be a whiteboard next to the doors to make it clear which entrance to use.

Currently in school, we are trialling a new online platform called Purple Mash. We hope to deliver homework via this platform. Once a decision has been made, I will write again to explain what homework will look like in greater detail.



We are excited to be able to open the school grounds for the Friday Tea Stall again this week. Although guidance allows more visitors on site in school, we hope you are reassured by the cautious steps we are taking towards opening the school further. As changes are made, we will be sure to communicate them clearly. In the meantime, our current COVID risk assessment can be found on the school website, and we continue to:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Thank you again, to you and your children, for such a warm welcome to the school!

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bex Stott".

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