



From Mrs Eley

Welcome back to what will hopefully be a more 'normal' year for us all. I hope you had a restful and safe summer. As always, it was lovely to see all of the children this week: lots of smiling and happy faces and they all seem to have settled in really well. I would like to welcome all of our new Nursery and Reception children as well as children who have joined us from other schools.

New (old) systems

There have been a lot of changes this week which for the older children will be familiar but for the younger children will be completely new. As you will be aware, we have been able to go back to collective worship and lunchtimes in the hall and children can now have playtimes together. Our Y3/4 children have also started swimming again today and our breakfast and after school clubs are in full swing.

Tea towels

Newton Regis: there are still some tea towels available to purchase. Please contact Mrs Pick if you would like more details.

Austrey: we have all of the tea towels in school now. FACES have apologised for the delay but this was beyond their control. Mrs Harvey will get these to you as soon as possible.

Communication

We firmly believe that good communication between home and school is essential so in order that you get a timely and accurate response, can I please remind parents of the different channels of communication that we have in place.

- For queries about **teaching and learning**, please contact your **class teacher via Seesaw** in the first instance. They will aim to get back to you by the end of the next working day.
- For most other queries please contact the school offices. We have in the past asked for this to be via email or phone. Whilst this will still be the best way, we understand that parents are busy and that Seesaw is a very quick and convenient way of doing this. We have therefore been in contact with Seesaw and have been able to set Mrs Pick and Mrs Harvey up with their own account so you will be able to contact them and respond to their messages directly. They will send a test message and then their name will appear in your inbox. Teachers will be preparing for the day in the mornings and will then be teaching during the day so will not be accessing Seesaw.
- For urgent COVID queries, you will still be able to contact me directly.

Homework

Thank you for all of your responses to the homework survey last term. We have collated these, taking your views into account and created the attached document so you know what homework to expect. Please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher with any queries about this.

Our priority this week has been making sure that all of the children are settled and happy and we always knew there would be some teething problems with some of this. Please bear with us and it will all fall into place very quickly.

We still have some measures in place to keep everybody safe. Our Risk Assessment and Outbreak Management Plan can be found on the websites.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend. See you all on Monday.

Being the person God made me to be: living, learning, loving.
"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" Psalm 139:14



Dates for your diary

Parents Evening
w/b 18/10/21

Friday 12th November
Children in Need (school council to decide on the theme)

Monday 15th November
Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying week

Harvest and Christmas

We are planning a Nativity at school and a Carol service in Church. I have been in touch with Rev Joanne who will obviously be led by guidance from the Church of England

Newton Parking

For the safety of everyone, can you please use the church car park or the village hall car park rather than parking near the junction or the bus stop.

Austrey Alert

A parent has brought to our attention a report of a suspicious red BMW 1 Series car seen around the village. We have had nothing official but we will get in touch with our PCSO to find out more details and let you know if necessary. In the meantime, please be vigilant when walking to and from school.