

WEEKLY WORD

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To all Parents/Carers,

And so ends our first full week back in school (plus the first full day for our new starters in FS2)! It has been busy for lots of different reasons so I must start by saying a huge well done to the children for adjusting to the new ways of life in school and facing the challenges with a smile on their faces. It is starting to feel more and more normal as the days pass by. Well done to all our parents/carers too for helping drop off and collection run smoothly in the mornings and after school. Barring a few initial teething problems on day one this seems to be going well and everyone being on time is making a significant difference. Just a polite reminder to maintain social distancing on Bromley Street and Newton's Walk ☺

It was always our intention, should the drop off and collection systems go well, to revisit the timings and see if we could slightly reduce the amount of time between each year group. I wanted to give it at least a week before doing this but I am now confident that some changes can be applied. So, from next Tuesday (15th), meaning you have a few days to spread the word and speak to work if you need to, the **collection times** after school will be as follows:

- **Reception:** 3:05pm by the small green fence outside the classroom (for now at least)
- **Y1 and Y2:** 3:15pm
- **Y3 and Y4:** 3:25pm
- **Y5 and Y6:** 3:35pm

Children in Y5 and Y6 also have the option of leaving by the side gate on Newton's Walk and either walking home or meeting their parents/carers. If you would like your child to do this, then you **must** contact the office so they can be added to the list. If they are not on the list then please collect them as normal around the one way systems in the playground. It goes without saying, the success of these new timings rely heavily on everyone being punctual and exiting promptly. Y1 currently hold the record of 4 minutes and 12 seconds!! Can it be beaten...?

Throughout next week we will look at adjusting the start times as well but I would rather walk before we can run; one change is enough for now and we need to see how it goes. The end goal is to have all children in all classes in school for the same amount of time and have the timetable look as close to 'normal' as possible. We have also been working hard behind the scenes on school dinners and use of the hall. We aim to go 'live' with this on Monday 21st September so more information to follow. Once it is up and running the normal systems will resume as they did before lockdown.

Remote Learning

As I mentioned last week, our Remote Learning will come into effect if a child is shielding, a bubble is closed or there is a local lockdown. We are just putting the finishing touches to our Microsoft Teams approach and this will be shortly followed by a guide for children and parents/carers on how to access work and our expectations. We are hoping it will be in the form of a concise handout and a video tutorial.

Recovery Curriculum

We have spoken quite a bit about the Recovery Curriculum over the last few months and we would really appreciate it if we could have some initial feedback on how things have gone for your child(ren) since they came back to school. Please click on the link below – it shouldn't take you more than 10 minutes and it would really help us move things forward and enhance our existing practice.

[Curriculum Survey Link](#)

Take care and have a lovely weekend,

Mr I. Johnson

