

# Weekly Word

10.9.2021

To all Parents/Carers,

First and foremost, I hope you had a great summer and managed to make the most of the sunshine we did have! Whether you got away, had days out or managed to see family you hadn't seen in ages, I hope it was all good fun.

And now to school...in the blink of an eye we are back and everything feels a little bit different to how it was before the summer holidays. We knew the changes were coming and things were relaxing but I am not going to lie, it did feel strange seeing everyone arrive at school at the same time! It's been almost 18 months since that last happened. But after a few days of adjustment, us included, it does feel amazing to have school resembling some kind of normality and it's great to see all the children, parents and carers with smiles on their faces.

As you know, bubbles/staggered start and end times have gone, breaktimes and lunchtimes are back to normal and there have been some changes to self-isolation and how we deal with positive test results. This information has been sent by the office but as always, if you have any questions give them a ring or go to the [website](#). Just remember, if your child is showing symptoms you must take them for a PCR test – even if they show a negative LFT result. The new Risk Assessment and Covid Outbreak Management Plan are also on the [website](#) (both statutory requirements).

In other news, a warm welcome to our new parents and carers in Reception. I hope your child has had a good first week and settled in well with their new teachers. Next week you will be able to come to lunch and then before you know it, full days in school and off we go for the rest of the year.

## What else is going on?

- **Headteacher Tea Party**

Today saw the welcome return of the Headteacher Tea Party for Y1 and Y2, perhaps my favourite part of the week. If your child(ren) show a notable act of kindness, exceptional manners or consistently smart uniform (shirts tucked in remember!) then they may get an invite in the Gold Book Assembly. Next week it will be KS2 ☺

- **Arts Week**

Next week is Arts Week, following its postponement before the holidays. It ends on Friday and there will be an exhibition you can attend – more details on this to follow.

- **Cycle to School Week**

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September we will be marking Cycle to School Week with a special Derby to London bike ride on the field (as many laps equivalent to 129 miles!). Please can you bring your child's bike to school and then in the afternoon, alongside world record holder [Leigh Timmis](#), you will be able to watch your child and their class take part. More details and timings will follow next week.

- **New look classrooms**

Here is one of our new look classrooms (see Twitter also). We are going for a more natural/calm/neutral feel as this is proven to assist learning and support children with additional sensory needs. Thanks to our site team who made this happen!

And last but not least – thank you to all the parents/carers who helped in school during the summer holidays. We had people painting, tidying up, doing DIY and lots of other really helpful jobs. Thank you very much!

**Have a great weekend**

**Mr I. Johnson**

