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#### AUTUMN TERM DIARY

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Y3/4 Stories morning  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: H TEMPEST: Individual school photographs  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: School closes for Half term  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: SCHOOL CLOSED: Professional Development Day  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: School open – Autumn Term 2  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December: End of term - school closes

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have missed our Nursery and Reception children in school this week. We hope our Early Years families are keeping well and are managing to access our home learning site - I know Mrs Prest and Miss Stainthorpe have been very busy and it looks like you have been too. Keep up the great work! ☺

We have had no further cases reported this week, which has enabled all our zone 2 - 4 children to access their learning. We have one more week until half term – and we are keeping our fingers crossed.

#### ZONE/BUBBLE LOCKDOWN

If any staff, families/ children develop symptoms, depending on numbers, this may lead to school 'zone' closure. If we receive information/confirmation of a positive test result there will be a requirement for individuals, bubbles and zones to self-isolate. If you do receive a positive test result – please contact the school as soon as possible. For out of school hours – please ring

**This number 07835931915 is to inform school of POSITIVE TEST RESULTS ONLY.**

It is highly unlikely that Newham Bridge will close completely, even with the new government guidance. Schools where possible, are to remain open, closing only affected zones/bubbles.

Should the local health board close our school, or part of our school, provision will be made for key worker/vulnerable pupils and education is to continue, with your support, using our home learning site <http://bit.ly/nbremote>. The site will be the daily source of pupil's work for completion at home in their lockdown books. The books have been handed out to the children - **ONLY TO BE USED IN THE EVENT OF A LOCKDOWN.**

#### PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

A text message and link were sent this week to share our Covid questionnaire results. We hope you found this interesting. We certainly appreciated your thoughts and have considered your responses, as part of our school plan moving forward.

#### OPERATING HOURS: TRIAL MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

We are still required to adhere to the Government guidance, however, recognise that our finishing times have posed challenges for families in recent weeks. From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October we intend to operate a week's trial and, in doing so, need your support. The proposed changes MUST support social distancing and provide personal space at key times. For this to succeed we insist that **one adult per family** enter the school site to collect the children.

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<b>NURSERY: AM SESSION START 8.30am – 11.15am FINISH</b>	<b>(REMAINING THE SAME ON REOPEN 22.10.20 )</b>
<b>PM SESSION START 12.15pm – 3.00pm FINISH</b>	
<b>ZONE 1: RECEPTION CLASS: START 8.45am – 2.45pm FINISH</b>	<b>(FROM 22.10.20)</b>
<b>ZONE 2: Key Stage 1: Year 1/ Year 2: START 8.30am – 3.00pm FINISH</b>	
<b>ZONE 3: Lower Key Stage 2: Year 3 /Year 4: START 8.40am – 3.00pm FINISH</b>	
<b>ZONE 4: Upper Key Stage 2: Year 5/ Year 6: START 8.40am – 3.15pm FINISH</b>	

**intend to operate a week's trial from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

Should the trial be successful we will be operating the amended hours from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November for the whole of Autumn Term 2 (Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December)

If you are the responsible adult, over the age of 18, collecting a number of children. We recommend that you arrive on site, one adult per family, at the time of your eldest child to reduce the number of adults congregating on the yard at collection times.

#### KEEPING WARM!

The weather, as typical in Autumn, is changeable. The Covid guidance recommends that schools remain well ventilated, requiring windows to be open all around the building, which means that school is going to be much cooler than normal. We have noticed many children starting the day without cardigans, jumpers and even coats, despite the colder mornings. Please could you ensure your child comes to school equipped for the day.....school is a cooler place and we all need to wrap up warm!

### **YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 STORIES MORNING**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, Year 3 and 4 will be taking part in a Scrumdiddlyumptious Stories morning. There will be lots of exciting activities and surprises throughout the morning with each child receiving a book from the National Literacy Trust's, Young Readers Project. Pictures from the day will be shared on our class pages.

### **SCHOOL DINNERS**

Please could you notify our school office 01642 816884 if you intend to change your child's meal choice. We still require at least one week notice for a child to transfer between meal types - packed lunch to dinner or dinner to packed lunch. We have trialled an increase in our hot choices this week. Children can choose from 3 hot dishes, in both halls, alongside sandwiches and wraps.

### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Due to current Government guidelines and recommendations, we will not be operating our usual parent consultation evening in Autumn term. However, to ensure we keep good communication, we have sent out a 'settling in' report which outlines your child's attitudes to learning and how well they have settled into school.

Our telephone conversations started this week and staff have enjoyed the opportunity to discuss the overview with you.

The calls will take place between 2.30pm-5pm on the dates listed below.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to give an exact time. Please ensure school has your most up to date contact number.

<b>2.30-5pm</b>	<b>Class Teacher calls</b>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y3/4 – Mrs Barker Y5 – Mrs Rooney
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reception – Miss Stainthorpe (from 11.30-5pm)
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Y3/4 – Mrs Hindmarsh & Mrs Henwood Y5 Mr Jackson & Mr Roberts
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Y3/4 – Mrs Hilton

A further overview detailing academic progress will follow at the end of Autumn term. We thank you for your continued support.

### **SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ONE WAY SYSTEM**

We have received a number of complaints from parents, about other parents not respecting the social distancing and gathering in groups at the end of the school day. Given the recent cases in school and the increase in community cases, please retain the 2m social distancing from other family groups. Our aim is to reduce risk – please support school with social distancing.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

If your child or a member of your household display symptoms of coronavirus

- **A high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **A new, continuous cough** – coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – your child cannot smell/taste anything, or things smell /taste different

As Parents/ Carers you MUST to be ready and willing to:

- [book a test](#). Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their Parents/Carers if using a home testing kit
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

We aim to do everything possible and practicable in school to enable our children to be safe, enjoy their time in school, develop their skills and make progress to achieve their best! We appreciate your support and patience with the current situation 😊

Have a lovely weekend!

Regards

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