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### AUTUMN TERM DIARY

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,

It has been lovely to see the return of our Nursery and Reception children this week. Thankfully, we have had no further C19 cases reported this week, which has enabled the remainder of school to access their learning and of course, enjoy the half term break. We have made it to half term – and we are keeping our fingers crossed for a whole school return after the break on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY: MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER

All being well our Staff have a professional development day booked for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

On this day school will be closed to all children. School opens fully on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

### 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, even during the holidays, there may 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.**

### OPERATING HOURS

This week we have trialled our increased and staggered end of the day procedures. This has operated much better and times will remain the same after half term. One of our concerns is the **KS1 outdoor area** – which **will be out-of-bounds at the end of the school day.**

<b>NURSERY: AM SESSION START 8.30am – 11.15am FINISH</b> <b>PM SESSION START 12.15pm – 3.00pm FINISH</b>
<b>ZONE 1: RECEPTION CLASS: START 8.45am – 2.45pm FINISH</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>

### MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ONE WAY SYSTEM

We received a directive this week from the Local Authority requiring parents visiting the school site to wear face masks. As you can appreciate this is to protect others. 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 by wearing a mask and by social distancing.

### H TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS

If you would like to order school photographs please complete the order form and enclose the required payment in the H Tempest envelope provided. Please could all orders be returned to school by **FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** to ensure pre-Christmas delivery.

### 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**

Our Year 3 and 4 enjoyed taking part in their Scrumdilyumptious Stories morning. The children enjoyed their hot chocolate and treats. Every child received a book from the National Literacy Trust's, Young Readers Project. Please see pictures from the day 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**

Our telephone conversations concluded this week and we hope you found the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher useful and informative. A further overview detailing academic progress will follow at the end of Autumn term. We thank you all for your continued support 😊

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

If you 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 😊

We hope you manage to enjoy your half term break!

Regards

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