



Weekly NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing:

**End of
Term**

WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done everyone!

We have survived to the end of term and I am very proud of staff and families for supporting children through the last term. We have missed all those children who have been at home and it was lovely to see some of you in school to collect your reports and books. I would like to wish our Year 6 children every success as they transition to secondary school – I am sad they have missed some of the usual milestones of Year 6 but the independent learning skills and resilience they will have gained during this time will be invaluable for secondary school. I know they will continue to make us proud as Calcot school ambassadors at their new schools.

We have included memories from Year 2 and Year 6 in our newsletter and for stars this week there will be on-line **certificates on the google classroom for every class** as all our children are stars, and we want to celebrate this with you.

Back to School

I am delighted that all children will be back in September and please read on for the information you need for your return to school. New children starting Nursery and Reception have had separate letters regarding their initial transition weeks, but for everyone I have outlined below the arrival and collection times and locations for September. It will be extremely important for children to arrive on time and be collected as we are timetabled carefully to avoid too many people on site at any one time. The main gates of the school will remain closed to allow for a one way system as children are entering and leaving site. If you need assistance (because you have a parking permit) please email me separately so we can put arrangements in place. My email address is headteacher@c-jun.w-berks.sch.uk

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Arrival Time	9.00am/ 12.00pm	9.00am	8.50am	8.40am
Location	Nursery gate at 9.00am Terrapin doors at 12.00pm	RSC – from Reception playground RMH – from the Reception area gate	1VW – from Infant playground 1BG/1FP from terrappin doors	2FB/2JH from classroom doors 2FP from terrappin doors
Collection Time	12.00pm for morning children 3.00pm for full days or afternoon children	2.50pm	3.00pm	3.10pm
Location	Nursery gate	RSC – from Reception playground RMH – from the Reception area gate	1VW – from Infant playground 1BG/1FP from terrappin doors	2FB/2JH from classroom doors 2FP from terrappin doors



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	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Arrival Time	8.45am	8.45am	8.30am	8.30am
Location	Junior playground by steps up to the picnic tables	Junior playground by Green hippo bin	Junior playground by Green hippo bin	Junior playground by steps up to the picnic tables
Collection Time	3.15pm	3.15pm	3.00pm	3.00pm
Location	Junior playground by steps up to the picnic tables	Junior playground by Green hippo bin	Junior playground by Green hippo bin	Junior playground by steps up to the picnic tables

Bubbles

- We will continue to operate in class bubbles for much of the curriculum time, but at breaks and lunches the children will be in their Year group bubbles.
- We will be continuing to manage staggered break times and lunchtimes to minimise contact during the school day.
- We will be continuing with picnic bags and children will eat in their classrooms (apart from Reception children who will eat in the Infant hall). You can order these in the usual way.
- There will be an enhanced cleaning regime in school with cleaning during the day as well as after school.
- Children will be washing their hands and using hand sanitiser regularly through the day.
- The new home school agreement and behaviour policy will remain in place and we will send these to you through parent mail. You will need to return the home school agreement before September.

There have been some changes for schools in the expectations for September and staff can teach between groups to deliver the curriculum. Children can also change groups during the day and the principle is now that children should stay in small groups when they can, but this can change when necessary for curriculum delivery. An example of this will be when children are grouped differently for phonics or for sets. In class children will be sitting facing forwards and not in groups.

Breakfast club (Early Birds) and Afterschool club (Tea Birds)

We are putting this provision back in place for September. Children will be sitting with other children from their year group and separated by KS1/KS2. The after school club will operate outside whenever possible, and it will be important that this group is a consistent group. I would ask that parents book this half a term in advance whenever possible please to help us to achieve this.



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Attendance

Attendance will be compulsory and we will be monitoring this in the usual way. However in line with the government guidance and our protective measures it is essential that children or staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 (new, continuous cough, high temperature, or loss of or change in their normal sense of taste or smell) or who have someone in their household who has symptoms, do not attend school. Any child or adult in school who develops symptoms will be sent home and advised to follow the government guidance which is to self-isolate for at least seven days and arrange to have a test. If we have any members of the school community (staff or child) who test positive, we will inform the bubble who will then also need to isolate, and follow the guidance.

Curriculum

We will be teaching the new year curriculum wherever possible and filling any gaps along the way next year. We know some children will have accelerated with 1:1 support at home and we will want to build on this excellent progress. Others will need more time and help and we will work with you to achieve this.

Equipment

We are asking children not to bring in huge bags to school as they will not need them. We will provide all the resources that Infant children will need so they will just need their book bag for their reading books. We have communicated to Junior parents about supporting us by providing:

- a pencil case containing a writing pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener and colouring pencils;
- a copy of the Literacy text that will stay in school.

If you can support us in this way we would be very grateful, but we will ensure that all children have what they need to learn.

Uniform

Children will be coming back to school in school uniform, but we will ask them to come in PE kit on the days they have PE. We will let you know before the children return to school which days this will be. This is to avoid changing in school.

For your children I hope many of them will be delighted to be back. I know they may feel anxious and worried but for them school will be as normal as possible and we will support them as much as we can. I will be going through all the questionnaires during the summer so I hope I will have the information I need to support children who may have particular anxieties linked to COVID-19. If you feel there is anything else it is important for us to know before September, again please email me directly.

I would like to thank you for all your support this year and wish you all a very restful summer break.

Return to School : Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Florence Rostron
Headteacher



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