



Pilgrims' Way News

Friday 11th September 2020 Term 1

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Autumn term and a new academic year. It has been so wonderful to see, and hear, the school full of children skipping into school, proudly wearing their school uniforms, busy in their classrooms and happy to be back in school.

Thank you to you all for preparing the children for their return and supporting the new systems we have put in place to reduce the risk of Covid spreading. We review all systems regularly and will keep you informed if there are any changes following government guidance.

In order to keep the school working as smoothly as possible, I would like to ask all parents to continue to follow the guidance below:

- * Please do not arrive on site before 8.40am unless your child is attending Breakfast Club.
- * Please only send one adult to drop off and collect children.
- * Please do not have conversations with staff "on the door". Arrange a phone consultation by contacting the office via phone or email.
- * When waiting to collect your child, please wait away from others and do not block the walkways around the school. Please stand well back from the class door.
- * If you need to come into the office, adults must wear a face covering.
- * Please leave the site as soon as children are collected.

Thank You

I would like to extend a special warm hello to all our new families. We have welcomed 20 children since the 2 September throughout the school. On Wednesday, we welcomed 25 of our youngest children who have started their school journey in Rabbit class. We are all so pleased to welcome you to our community.

I am very pleased to welcome two new Teaching Assistants to our amazing staff team. Mrs Woods has joined our SEND team in the SALT Pot and Mr Hopgood is working in our Lower KS 2 team.

We said a fond 'au revoir' to Mrs Williams who starts her maternity leave this week. We wish her well for the birth of her baby, in October, and look forward to seeing them both back at Pilgrims' Way very soon.

We are delighted to welcome back two of our Canterbury Christ Church University Social Work students who had their placement interrupted by the lock down. Miss Lund and Mrs Prest will be with us until November working alongside our staff and children.

Many of you are aware that we have had significant problems with our computers and telephone systems since returning to school this term. Thank you for your patience. We hope to be fully operational, as soon as possible. We plan to send details about Forest School and PE days, as soon as possible.

Warm regards to you all.

Miss AM Middleton- Headteacher



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Kent Test

This year, due to Covid, the Kent Test will be taken by Year 6 pupils, who registered in July, on Thursday 15 October 2020. Further information will be sent to registered families near the time. If you have missed the deadline, please email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk with your child's name, their current primary school and home address.

Flu Immunisation

Letters were emailed on Monday regarding the whole school's flu immunisation on 22nd October 2020. Please remember to complete the online consent form before 19th October.

Early Collection of Children

A reminder that if you need to collect children during school hours, please inform the school office by telephone, so that advance notice can be given to the class teacher. If you are collecting for an appointment you will be asked for supporting evidence e.g. an appointment card or letter.

20mph Zone outside school

Please remember that outside school is a 20mph safe zone. Thank you for driving safely and carefully.



If you have made an appointment during the day or something has come up and you need to collect early for any other reason please call the school office on 01227 760084 to let us know that you will be arriving early to save you time when you get here as permission from the Headteacher will need to be obtained before your child can be released early.

Many thanks.

School Gateway

If you have not yet signed up to the School Gateway, please visit www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You will receive a text message with a PIN number which you will need to log into School Gateway.

You will need to use the email address and mobile phone number that you have registered with the school.

Once registered you will be able to access information about your child's lunches, make payments, book tea time club, receive letters, newsletters and other important communications from the school.

Breakfast and Tea Time Club

Breakfast club and Tea Time club are available for Years 1 to 6.

Breakfast Club is from 8am (last entry at 8.25am). Cost per day is £1.50 and you do not need to book for these sessions but please ensure you pay via the School Gateway.

Tea Time Club you will need to use the booking system on the School Gateway to reserve a place. You will only be able to access this if you have previously completed a registration form. All payments must be paid in advance through School Gateway. Children will need to be collected from Koala Class by one parent. Cost per day is £3 3-4pm or £5 3-5pm.