



Pilgrims' Way News

Friday 5th June 2020 Term 6

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Dear Parents, Carers, staff and children

A warm welcome back to Term 6 to you all. Staff have been busy this week ensuring the building and grounds are ready for our pupils to start to return to school. My special thanks to Mr Harrington for all his hard work and to Mrs Leaman and her team for getting the kitchen ready to start providing lunch for our children next week.

On Wednesday, we welcomed children from Rabbit's class who have settled back into new school routines very quickly. It is so wonderful to see their smiling faces and hear them chattering in their 'Pod'. Next week, on Monday, we will be welcoming Year 1 and on Wednesday, Year 6 pupils. We are all looking forward to seeing them.

My thanks to all families who are bringing their children back into school adhering to the one way system and following our guidelines to ensure the safety of all our pupils, staff and families.

As you are aware, throughout the lockdown period, our school has been providing vouchers for families in receipt of free school meals entitlement. We have also worked hard to make sure that the vouchers continued during the holiday weeks during lockdown.

As our school opens to selected year groups, we will be returning next week to our usual school meal service and provide school meals for children in these year groups. For this reason, vouchers will stop for all children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 6 from the second week of their return, allowing families to adjust to the standard service. During their first week back, your child will receive both vouchers and the offer of a school meal.

This means that for all children in Year R, the last voucher will be provided for week ending Friday 5 June (these were issued on Thursday 21st May). For all children in Year 1 and 6, the last voucher will be provided for week ending Friday 12 June (issued on Thursday 4th June).

We will continue to provide vouchers for eligible children in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 until we open to these year groups. However, vouchers will stop at the end of this term and will not be provided during the summer holiday.

To meet the government guidance on returning to school, children will not be having lunch in the hall. They will have lunch with their pod either in the pod room or as a picnic outside. Because of this the kitchen has built a menu which is suitable.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – school packed lunch (sandwich, fruit, biscuit/cake, veggie sticks)

Tuesday – Hot dog and chips

Thursday – Burger and chips

Though the school office is closed this week, if we can help please contact welfare@pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk and we will ensure the right person responds to your query.

Warm regards to you all

Miss AM Middleton



We are very excited to see that so many children have been accessing our exciting new spelling programme from home: Spelling Shed! Each child has their own login (contact welfare@pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk if your child doesn't know theirs) and they can practise words set by their teacher each week to earn points and become a better speller! Classes will battle each other to see who the ultimate spellers are.

Keep spelling!

Kent Test

Year 5 pupils must still be registered to take the Kent Test (11+) in September 2020 to enter a Grammar School in September 2021. The proposed date for the Kent Test is September 10th 2020.

The registration opened on June 1st 2020 and closes at midnight on July 1st 2020. You can register your child using the following link.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

Art Project

Don't forget our family art project is currently underway. The theme for this week is Pick and Mix, [click here](#) to have a look. It links nicely with Colour Monsters which you may remember we use across the school to help children explain how they are feeling, [click here](#) to listen to the story (read by our very own Mrs Bolt).



Back To School Video

We have made a short video for you to watch, and share with your children, to explain some of the new school systems in place for those children returning to school. Please visit

<https://youtu.be/mVK8UsNZh4M>

