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We will all achieve our very best by loving learning, showing resilience and by developing Christian values within our community.

NEWSLETTER – September 2020

Friday 4th September 2020

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to Sale and Davys Church Of England Primary School. The last 6 months have been a worrying and challenging time for everyone and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and support throughout this time.

Yesterday, we welcomed back all but Reception children and it was fantastic to see so many happy, smiley faces even in the pouring rain! We are fully aware that over the last few months children have missed their teachers, friends, lessons and school routines. During the next few weeks we will be working closely with the children in order to ensure that they receive a balanced and fun curriculum as well as developing intervention and catch up programmes if needed.

Bubbles

All classes are now being taught in class 'bubbles'. This means that children will stay with their class throughout the day and they will not mix with any other class bubbles. Lunch and collective Worship will take place in the classroom and zoned areas will be used on the playground to ensure that children only play with other children in their bubble. Children will not have to social distance from each other if they are in the same bubble.

Pick ups and drop offs

Just a reminder about picking up and dropping off. Children with a last name that starts between A-N should arrive as close as possible to 8.50am and should be collected at 3.20. Children with a last name that starts between O-Z should arrive as close as possible to 9.00am and should be collected at 3.30pm. Please ensure that you arrive at the right time slot to avoid waiting around. Thank you for your cooperation with this as the last two days have run very smoothly.

Uniform

All the children looked incredibly smart and well presented on their first day back. Children can wear summer and winter uniform up until October half term. Summer dresses should only be worn with white socks. After October half term children should only wear winter uniform. This is particularly important this year as classrooms will have to be ventilated throughout the cold months due to Covid 19.

PE

Due to the current pandemic we are asking children to only bring trainers to school. This will be reviewed over the coming weeks. Please could you ensure that your child has their trainers in school next week.

Homework

All classes will continue to use the Purple Mash site to set homework where appropriate. Weekly spellings will be accessed on Purple Mash and the website. From time to time children may also be asked to produce a piece of writing or complete a paper maths task. All children will be sent home with a reading book by the end of next week. We are currently training children to wash their hands before and after reading their book.

We have had a great start to the new academic year and the atmosphere in school is so positive and full of optimism and enthusiasm. It is our aim to keep the children and staff as safe as possible as well as trying to be as normal as possible. In order to do this over the coming days, weeks and months we intend to make small changes, adapt procedures and review our practice. As always, thank you in anticipation of your support. Kind Regards

AUTUMN TERM DATES - School closures due to INSET DAYS will be advised as arranged.

23rd October - End of Autumn Term 1
26th to 30th October - School closed for Half term holiday
2nd November - Start of Autumn Term 2
18th December - end of Autumn Term 2
21st - 1st January 2021 School closed for Christmas Holiday
4th January 2021 - Start of Spring Term 1
12th February - end of Spring Term 1
15th - 19th February - School closed for half term holiday.
22nd February - Start of Spring Term 2
1st April - End of Spring Term 2
2nd - 16th April - School Closed for Easter Holiday
19th April - Start of Summer Term 1
3rd May - School Closed - Bank Holiday
28th May - End of Summer Term 1
31st May - 4th June - Half term holiday
7th June - Start of Summer Term 2
22nd July - End of Summer Term 2

Yours sincerely

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