



NEWSLETTER : ISSUE 2

18th September 2020

Welcome:

Dear Parents,

May I start by saying THANK YOU. I am so proud of the staff, children and yourselves for the way you have adapted and returned to our beautiful village school. We are as prepared as we can be and working together we will ensure clear communication keeps everyone safe. I have no doubt that at some point a class 'bubble' or more will be asked to self-isolate but we are prepared for that and will take the necessary steps as and when it happens.

We are keeping the staggered times, although in the morning letting you in sooner when corridors are clear to avoid over-crowding outside the gate. You are more than welcome to wear masks on site and email me any questions direct as always. I am happy to have 'zoom' meetings with you at any point. We are not meeting at the class doors after school to ensure safe handover and appropriate social distancing.

If you feel your child or a member of your household has a temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste or sense of smell; you must keep all members of your household at home and arrange testing for the member of the family who is showing symptoms. If the test result is negative you can send your child to school straight away. I am aware that gaining a test in itself may take days and that awaiting results can also take days. Unfortunately those things are beyond my control.

You will have noticed that the Pre-school relocation is not yet complete. I hope by the next newsletter to be able to share finished pictures with you. For the moment Breakfast and Afterschool provision (Badger's Rest) will be operating from the school hall with entrance and exit from the hall door. All children have automatic access to this facility at a reasonable cost. To discuss further please contact Shelley in the main office.

I am pleased to say that infant fruit/snacks have been reinstated and YR/Y1/Y2 all have daily access to fruit within their class. If you are sending an additional snack please ensure it is a healthy option in a washable container.

J Littlewood, Head Teacher

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PTA news:

• We are excited to announce the launch of the 50/50 Club! In these current times fundraising is obviously trickier as we cannot hold events and there will certainly be no baking requests for cake sales! In order to continue to raise money for the school we are starting a lottery. You simply buy a number (£15), which will then be entered into 12 prize draws across the year. This is open to all - grandparents, neighbours, anyone who would like to support the kids whilst having a flutter - spread the word! The 50/50 Club is so named as it is fairer than the average - 50% of proceeds go to the school and 50% goes into the cash prize pot. There is a simple application form attached to this newsletter or you can email ptabrock@gmail.com for more details or to obtain our bank details. Entries close 6 November.

• Reminder that there is a BAG2SCHOOL collection on Wednesday 30th September!! For all your post-lockdown wardrobe clear-out needs, please bag and bring to the main gates at school on the day, before 9am. Please ONLY clothes or material items plus bags and paired shoes. No other items can be taken and we have to sift them out. Please spread the word to your neighbours and friends - let's spread the word as wide as possible and get the biggest collection yet! We are so limited in the fundraising that we can do this term, so this is an easy quick win for the school. Any queries please email ptabrock@gmail.com. Thanks so much for your continued support, we so appreciate it.

School Notices:

• The school immunisation team will be visiting us on 6th October to administer flu vaccines to all year groups by parental e-consent. You should by now have received an email with the information you need to register your consent – please note the deadline for this is 2nd October.

• If your child is due to start school in September 2021 please go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions for information on how to apply. Applications are open from 1st November 2020 - the closing date is 15th January. Due to the current pandemic we will not be holding open days at present, however if you are unfamiliar with the school please feel free to contact the school office to arrange a visit after school hours.

• Badger's Rest has a new emergency telephone contact number, for use when the school office is closed. Please contact Emma on 07445 378433.

• If you have not updated your details with the office since the summer term please logon to your SIMS Parent account to check your details are up to date.

• For those thinking ahead to secondary school, Highcliffe School will be holding a virtual open day towards the end of this half-term. Please visit their website for further details.

• We have a few spaces remaining for guitar or piano lessons for the current academic year. If your child is in KS2 and you are interested in your child learning an instrument please contact the office for further details. The current cost is £280 for the year (invoiced termly, in advance).

• Please note that the annual round-up of forest animals will be going on behind our school on Friday 25th September; the common will be cordoned off.

Important Dates:

6th Oct YR-6 Flu immunisation (by consent)

Term Dates

26th - 30th Oct	Half Term
Mon 2nd Nov	Inset Day
Tues 3rd Nov	Children return to school
21st Dec	Christmas Holiday
Fri 12th Feb	Inset Day
15th - 19th Feb	Half Term
Thur 1st April	Last Day of Spring Term
19th April	First Day of Summer Term
31st May-4th Jun	Half Term
7th June	Inset Day
23rd July	Last day of term

Pause For Thought :

If we have the attitude that it's going to be a great day it usually is. – Catherine Pulsifier