

28th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing half term we have had. We have been able to start gradually reintroducing visitors to smaller groups such as Cricket Coaching, Violin and Ukulele lessons, Assembly visitors in person and some of our volunteers have begun working with us again.

I have seen so many good examples of work from Reception children writing full recounts of the Cinderella fairy tale, to Y6 writing incredibly emotive narratives about WW2. The children are really showcasing their abilities currently.

We also had a successful monitoring visit from our Trust colleagues. There were many positives. The behaviour and attitudes of the children were considered to be “excellent” during lesson visits and pupils were articulate, respectful and spoke highly of their teachers and learning.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 7th June. We wish you all a happy and healthy half term break.

Transition and new classes:

I know that many of the children and you as parents will be anxious about next year and which classes and teachers you will have.

Teachers have until 31st May to resign from their posts for September, so currently, the staffing structure is not set in stone.

It is our aim to be able to inform the staff and you as soon as we possibly can because we value the importance of getting transition right.

Attendance:

Attendance continues to be at the forefront of our minds.

Please ensure your child is in school and on time (before 9am) every day. This helps them have a soft start to their day without them constantly feeling “left behind” the rest of the group or class.

Medical appointments where possible should be made for after the school day or during the holidays.

No holiday will be authorised. The children have 13 weeks each year in which they can take holiday.

Please also ensure that if your child is late to school that you walk them in and sign them in. After half term we will not be allowing children to walk through the front gate after is shut without an adult. **It is your responsibility to safeguard your child until they have been signed in.**

Hot School Meals:

Please ensure you have booked and where necessary paid for your hot school meals by Tuesday 1st June to ensure your child has a meal in the first week back. If you have not booked and paid for a meal for your child, you will be called to come and provide a packed lunch for them.

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Marvellous Me:

Please don't forget to sign up for Marvellous Me our parent engagement app where we share "Marvellous" and positive messages with you about your child. If you need your log on details again, please just let the class teachers know.

Your children love getting these and it would be great if you were part of this celebration with them.

End of the school day:

We are having an increase of children coming back onto school site after 3:15pm daily. Please note that the office is not manned from this time and children should not be coming back onto site after they have left.

Road Safety:

We have had several "near misses" involving pupils from our school and cars. Could we ask all drivers to please be vigilant and thoughtful about where they are parking so that vantage points for crossing the road are not blocked. Please also be aware of other road users and be patient and respectful when waiting for parking spaces.

Equally, please talk to your children about road safety. We allow our Y6 children to walk home alone with parental permission. Recently we have had a near miss where a child did not look before crossing the road, causing a local driver to become very distressed when they ran out in front of them. We have also had members of the public call up to say that children wearing our school uniform are not behaving safely or sensibly when walking to or from school.

I will be approaching BCP to ask if there is any scope for a lollipop person to help at the request of the children.

Please speak to your children and be mindful as drivers before there is a serious accident.

Uniform:

This continues to be a positive for the school. Please ensure that your children continue to wear the correct uniform including shoes for the remainder of the academic year.

Reporting Coronavirus Results over the half term holiday:

Should your child or a member of your household become ill with the symptoms of Coronavirus over the half term break, it is essential that the unwell person books and takes a test and the whole household isolates.

Should you receive a positive result, it is essential that you contact us on covidreporting@jewell-aspirations.org (Please note the office phones will not be manned over the break). This email box is checked twice a day. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will contact you directly if you report a positive result, so please ensure that a relevant mobile number is included in your email and that you are on hand to answer it when we call. It will most likely be from a withheld number.

It is essential that you do report positive results so that staff and other children can be contacted and advised to isolate to minimise the spread.

Thank you for your co-operation in minimising the risk to our staff and children who sometimes have clinically vulnerable relatives living with them.