

Review of the second week back - Update

Another great week at the Orchards where I continue to grow my number of friends as I get to know the new arrivals even better each day – wow, they are so nice.

A few points I would like to particularly raise:

- 🌳 UNIFORM continues to be excellent so thanks to everybody who makes this happen.
- 🌳 BEHAVIOUR continues to be good, our weekly yellow slip count is less than 1% - I have spoken to those children and I am hopeful they have learned their lesson.
- 🌳 We are unlikely to be able to have our usual **Parent Consultations** this year but are working on a new system that will keep you as well informed without the face to face contact. Watch this space!
- 🌳 We have been looking at how we can provide a slimmed down version of our **after school clubs** and will be contacting you soon with what we are able to offer. This is a big part of our school but we have to be mindful of the restrictions that are placed on many of them so this is taking some thinking time!

The smiles on the children's faces as they enter school is a real treat – thanks you guys.

The Year 3's have continued to be amazing coming into school so we would now like to bring them in from **8:30 – 8:45** in line with the rest of the school. The staff will be in their rooms ready to start the day with an exciting activity and our greeting team will be still on the gates.

The adapted end of the day continues to allow us to help the children leave safely:

Year 3 2:30 p.m. finish

Year 4 2:40 p.m. finish

Year 5 2:50 p.m. finish

Year 6 3:00 p.m. finish

Thank you again to all the parents and those who pick up for your co-operation, it has made such a difference to the success of this process. We have seen an improvement in the consideration for our neighbours by not standing on their front garden grass or parking on corners making crossing the road difficult and I hope this will continue to improve. The weather is unlikely to stay as good for ever so please make sure that you dig out the umbrellas and coats. Also we need to be mindful of how the traffic is during wet weather. Pedestrians and drivers need to be fully aware at all times.

Keep reminding your children that there is a large number of staff around who will keep them safe if they can't see their parents. They've been really good at this so far!

School photos were brilliant and the children adapted to the new rules extremely well. Some of those smiles were amazing.

Thank you again for helping the school run so well. As ever, we will review the arrangements across the week and keep you informed of our decisions.

Best Wishes Dr Jones

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