

Review of the third week back 25.09.20

Another successful week at the Orchards and again this is down to the combination of parents, children and staff working together to make things run as smoothly as possible. The children are working hard and their return to school has been simply amazing!

Nationally things have been developing which will no doubt have an impact on how we work but we are maintaining our approach of being committed to keeping your children safe and giving them the best education provision possible. Any actions we take are always in line with the latest advice and we will continue to adopt this approach as circumstances develop.

We should all be proud of how well the children have adapted to coming back to school and it speaks very highly of their resilience.

- 🌳 As the weather gets colder please ensure that your child has additional layers, such as a tracksuit or coat, for PE as we are continuing to have these lessons outside for the obvious health benefits.
- 🌳 We are also trying to get out at break times as often as possible so please remember to send the children in with coats.
- 🌳 UNIFORM is still fantastic and it makes such a difference to their approach to school
- 🌳 BEHAVIOUR is also good, our weekly yellow slip count continues to be less than 1% with only one repeat offender which shows that the children are learning.
- 🌳 We are currently designing an informative target card to replace the usual Parent Consultations so making sure we have up to date communication information for you such as e-mail, phone etc is going to be critical.
- 🌳 We have a draft clubs provision planned but are waiting to see how national developments put into place this week affect these before we embark on putting these on. Hopefully, this will not be long as not only is this a big part of our school but we have some great ones on offer.

The start of the day has been very successful with all year groups coming into school from 8:30 – 8:45. The staff are in their rooms ready to start the day with an exciting activity and our greeting team will be still on the gates. Please be aware that the register is taken from 8:45 so any child arriving after that time needs to have their attendance recorded at the front office. Please ensure that your child arrives on time and be aware you may need to send them into school via the front office if they are late.

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

Remember 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.

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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