

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Dear parents,

### Welcome back!

We hope you have had a lovely summer break! We welcome you all back and offer a particularly warm welcome to our new children and families.

### TEAMS

I would like to update you with on a few matters so that you are up to speed with everything at the start of the year.

This year we will be using TEAMS for most communication with you. This is where newsletters will be posted as well as little updates related to individual classes. We ask that you ensure that you can log in to your child's office 365 account so that you can access TEAMS. If you are having difficulty accessing the account, please contact the school office so that we can help you. We will not be using home connect for the foreseeable future as the system is down within KCC and we also know that so many parents have had difficulty in receiving messages. When you are in your child's class team, please ensure that notifications are switched on. You will know if this is the case as the bell icon in the top right corner will no longer have a line through it.

### COVID times and arrangements

Over the summer, the government updated the COVID guidance for schools. This means that we no longer have to divide into bubbles. As a result, we will be resuming clubs, we have also resumed assemblies and lunch together in the hall. We are also hoping to resume our calendar of events and activities, some of which will include parents. I must stress though that this is subject to change. If there are any COVID outbreaks within school, this may result in us reverting back to systems in place last year.

With regards to isolation, the guidance makes it clear that **only the individual with COVID should isolate**. This means that we would expect to see siblings in school. **If your child has symptoms, they should isolate and have a PCR test (not lateral flow test)**. If the result is negative, they may return to school. **If your child displays any symptoms at school, no matter how mild, we will be contacting you to ask you to take your child for a full PCR test and isolate until a result is given**. If this is negative, they may return to school. I realise that this may prove inconvenient and that some symptoms, though similar, will result in a negative test but we must be vigilant and the guidance is very clear that no one should be in school with COVID symptoms, no matter how mild. We would really appreciate it if any negative or positive test results could be sent to the school office email: [office@hollingbourne.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@hollingbourne.kent.sch.uk). We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

### Acceptable Use Policy

Over the summer, we have updated our acceptable use policy. We will soon be sending forms out for you and your child to read and sign in relation to this. When you receive these, if you could return them as soon as possible that would be appreciated.

### Go Ape

As you know, next Friday we have a trip planned to Go Ape at Leeds Castle. Please can I remind you that payment for this trip is needed to secure your child's place and we would appreciate this as soon as possible to help us plan the day.

### PE days

This year, each class will have PE on a different day. We ask that children come into school wearing their PE kit as last year. We would like to remind you that the PE uniform is set out on our school website in case you need

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this. PE days are as follows: Cherry- Friday; Beech- Thursday; Pine- Wednesday; Oak- Tuesday. If for any reason these days change, we will put a message on your child's class TEAM page.

### **New Vicar**

On Tuesday evening, I attended the licencing of the new vicar of Hollingbourne. The village welcomes Rev Rob Tugwell who has been based in Canterbury. Rob is also a qualified teacher and we very much look forward to working with him when he joins our assemblies and church services.

### **Residential**

We have tentatively booked a residential for Cherry Class and Beech Class. Year 1 and 2 will stay overnight; Year R will join us for the day activities only. This trip is booked for the 12<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022. We will be based at Lower Grange Farm. Information and letters about this will follow later in the term when details are finalised.

### **Dates for you diary**

Below are dates for your diary for terms 1 and 2 only- please bear in mind that some of these may be subject to changes.

- 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021- Go Ape trip
- 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021- Harvest festival at the church 9.15
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021- INSET day
- 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021- Remembrance gathering at the memorial 10.50
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November/ 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021- parents evening
- 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021- KS1 Nativity (time to be confirmed)
- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021- Christmas Party (during the afternoon)
- 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021- Christmas school lunch then Christingle service at the church 2.15pm

Dates of statutory assessments are as follows:

- Year R- Baseline- throughout September 2021
- Year 1- Phonics screening- June 7<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> 2022
- Year 2 SATs- throughout May 2022
- Year 4- Multiplication check- 13<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2022
- Year 6 SATS- 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022

I look forward to working with you this year. Many thanks for all your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bradley-Wyatt & The Hollingbourne Team.

Headteacher.

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