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Curriculum Newsletter – 25th Edition

Welcome to the 25th edition of the weekly newsletter, although this one will be a little bit different because it is the first from our new site on the Ethel Road Playing Fields. From a school perspective, I cannot find the right words to convey how pleased I am to be here. The children have revelled in the space, and I know that all of the battles we fought with the DfE, Local Authority, and other core stakeholder groups have been worthwhile. Of course, the most important achievement is that we are all back together, under just one roof, and this has brought joy to everyone, especially those families where younger and older children can be re-united. These are special times in our history as a school, and I hope that you are pleased as we are.

Parent Groups

I am delighted to let you know that Parent Groups will be resuming, from the week beginning **Monday 15th April 2024**. On the allocated days, please come into the classroom with your children, and this will help you to gain a real understanding of how learning is organised. There will be an opportunity for you to meet with the class teacher, see the other children in action, and also meet parents of other children in your child's class. The timings will be from **8.35 – 9.00**, and **9.10** in the **Orchard** on **Tuesday mornings**. For afternoon Nursery, the opening time will be **2.45**. The allocated days for your child's class will be as follows:

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
AM Tues PM Thurs	Tues Thurs	Thursday	Weds	Thurs	Wed	Tue	Wed

I shall look forward to seeing you there, and know that you will welcome this return to our normal service.

Coming into School and going Home at the end of the Day

Now that we are a couple of days into the new term, we can consider those aspects of coming into school and going home that may require small changes. The reality is that these changes will continue until we have precisely the right formula for all aspects of the school day. For now, my primary focus is on the beginning and end of the school day. Many of you will know that this is a very busy time indeed, and the access road can easily get blocked. From the beginning of next week, I would like to suggest all of the following:

- **Drop-off:** For children in Years 3-6, if you wish to drop your child off at the pedestrian gate on Ethel Road, please feel free to do so. We have supervision all along the access road, and the children know precisely what they need to do. The site is entirely enclosed, and it will be safe for them to walk up the pathway and into the playground areas, where supervision awaits.

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- **Drop-off:** When walking your children into the school building, try to use the pathway as you walk to school, and the access road on the way back. This will aid with the flow of people and ensure a more rapid process is in place.
- **Collection:** Children in years 5 and 6 are allowed to walk home with your consent. If you wish to provide this, please contact us in school, and we can add your name to the list. This could also include walking from the main playground down to the access gate where you will be able to meet them, which will reduce the walking distance for you, promote independence for your child, and diminish congestion at what is always going to be a difficult time of day.
- **Collection:** Now that you know where your children can be collected from, please can you ensure that if you are in the playground, you are close to where your children will be. Teachers will not dismiss children until they and your child have seen you. If you have children in **Nursery** or **Reception**, please can you ensure they are dropped off and collected first.
- **Blue Badge Holders:** If you hold a Blue Badge, please let us know. Allocated parking is available close to the entrance gates at the top of the access road. If you wish to use this service, it would be wise for you get here early in the morning, and from **3.00** in the afternoon. The gate will always have senior staff in attendance, and that will usually be me! In the unlikely event of me not being there, please use the buzz-entry system, and the gates will be released electronically.

Please be patient with us. We know this is a challenging time of day, and will do all we can to ensure that access and egress is as efficient and safe as possible.

Indoor Footwear

Please can you provide indoor footwear for your children? This was the system that was in place at Mayflower before the RAAC closure, and will help the children to care for the new building. Plimsolls are the usual option, but other alternatives do exist. Just think about what your children wear indoors at home, and I am sure that this will suffice. Finally, a name inside each item of footwear will also make our lives so much easier!! Many thanks....

Attendance

This week, I will not be reporting on attendance because many children were away from school on **Thursday 11th April**. We fully understand that Eid celebrations can also be tiring, and indeed, for those children that were in, many of them looked both happy and exhausted! Please be advised that I will be reporting again from the beginning of next week, and we would be very happy to see our 95%+ figure being maintained through the excellent efforts of you all. My thanks, once again.

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Wow Moments in School



Daffodil Art – Y1



Sea Creatures – Y2



Co-operation



Co-operation – Y3



Co-operation – Y3



Feelings – Y4



A New Room – Y4



Our New School!!



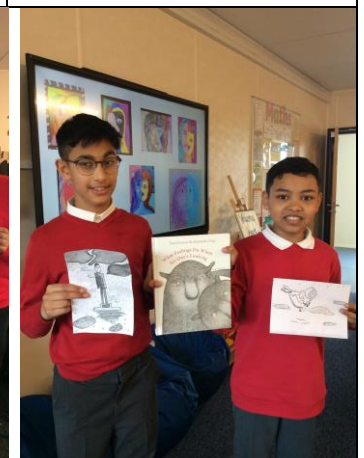
Sea Creatures – Y5



Sea Creatures – Y5



Art – Y6



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