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It was lovely to see everyone back after what has been a very long time away from school. We know that many children have been more tired than on a usual return to school. Staff will continue to be understanding of the challenges facing pupils but I do ask that parents support us in this by ensuring that pupils are in bed at a reasonable time for their age.

A special welcome to our new pupils, not just in Year Reception, but across the school. We hope you have all had a good first week and settle quickly with us.



Collective Worship

This year Collective Worship times will be a bit different as we can't gather all together. We are having three virtual gatherings where I will be sharing stories from across the bible. On the other days, teachers will be running class reflection assemblies. We will pick out a key point from the story which will usually link to our school values of love, perseverance, respect and inspire. During our Friday reflection time we shared pupils' reflections from the story of creation and Adam and Eve. Elisa from Ruby class wrote a recipe for friendship, 'First add some love. Next add some fun. Then add some respect and humour. Add a pinch of kindness, then stir in some inspiration. Alfie from Emerald class wrote a good friend is 'Generous, polite and funny'. Marcus from Topaz class, reflecting on the story of Adam and Eve wrote, 'God felt sad and betrayed and had to make Adam and Eve leave the garden'.



Diary dates

Thank you so much for your patience over events and activities this school year. We are constantly reviewing what we are offering in school to ensure we give pupils as wide an experience as possible, balanced against keeping all of our school community safe. Therefore, I currently have no proposed dates to share with you but I will update you as things change.

Curriculum

We have been evolving and changing our curriculum offer over recent months. Some will have noticed we haven't sent out the half termly curriculum guides for parents. This is because we have moved to whole school projects that last for much shorter periods of time. Our current topic is linked to PSHE and is about making a good start to the new school year and supporting pupils on their return from the prolonged break. Our next topic entitled "Amazing Animals" is a science-based topic and will last for two weeks, there will be more news on this in next week's newsletter.

Revised drop off/pick arrangements

We were very pleased with how drop off and collection went today so will continue to evaluate the new arrangements next week. I will let you know if there are any further changes. Please remember to let Mrs Greene know if you would like your older child to meet you at a younger child's classroom. Thank you so much for your ongoing understanding.



Hand sanitiser

We have a large stock of hand sanitiser which we are using, alongside our washing procedures, on a regular basis. Please can I ask that pupils do not bring in their own from home as these are not monitored and others could use them inappropriately. There have been instances during lockdown where children in other schools have drunk hand sanitiser when using the cloakrooms and were not supervised by that school's staff. At Templecombe children are always supervised when using our sanitiser to ensure appropriate use.

Forest School Wellies

All the children have enjoyed getting back into Forest School this week and it is lovely to see and hear them enjoying our outside environment. If children could bring in a pair of wellies which must stay in school, then this will save their shoes. We do have lots of wellies in various sizes that have been gifted to school so please do feel free to ask for your child to have a pair of these before buying new ones, where sizes allow. If your child's wellies were left here before lockdown, please do get in touch and we will attempt to reunite them.



PTFA - Bags2School

As detailed before the summer break there will be a Bags2School collection on Tuesday 15th September – please put items in plastic bags / bin liners (no bags will be coming home this time) and, by 9am on the morning of collection, place them against the outside of the lower playground wall as it goes up the hill by the school – not inside the school grounds.

Lost ring

A ring has been handed in at reception, found outside of school. If you have recently lost a ring please do come to reception and describe it to Mrs Greene and we hope we can reunite it with its owner.

PE kit

A reminder that pupils should come to school wearing school PE kit on the days they have PE.

What day does my child have PE?

- Diamonds – Monday
- Emerald – Tuesday and Friday
- Ruby – Tuesday and Friday
- Topaz – Monday and Thursday

What is the PE kit?

- Black / dark blue shorts or skirt
- Light blue polo shirt
- Elasticated plimsolls / trainers
- Dark tracksuit bottoms / leggings (blue, black or grey) with minimal branding
- School jumper / cardigan

Year 4 - Brass Lessons

David Bertie from Somerset Music will be delivering brass tuition to Year 4's, beginning Tuesday 10th September. More details will be coming home to parents of children in Year 4 detailing the free hire arrangements and agreement.



We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

J. Webb

Mr Webb