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Newsletter - Friday 3rd September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well that went quickly didn't it! I hope that you have all had a lovely summer with some well-deserved rest and relaxation time. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday and welcoming the children back into school. This week we have been busy in school getting everything ready for our return.

As promised, I am writing to let you know the arrangements for this term in light of the updated guidance that we received during the summer holiday period. I can confirm that:

- We will no longer be working in 'bubbles' and children are able to sit in groups in class
- Whole School Collective Worship will resume
- Mixed dinner service and playtimes will resume
- Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas. However, we will fully respect those that wish to continue to wear a face covering whilst visiting the school
- We will continue to ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- We will maintain our regular cleaning regimes.
- We will keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- We will follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.
- Covid Hometime arrangements will remain in place to assist with parents being able to continue with social distancing and to prevent a pinch point at the school gate at 3.30pm. Infants will continue to leave by the front gate and juniors will exit from the side gate for the foreseeable future
- As morning arrivals tend to be naturally staggered between 8.45am and 9am, we are returning to use of the main school door for both infants and juniors

We are looking forward to a more 'normal' return this September but please be aware that our previous covid arrangements may have to be reinstated should there be a local outbreak and Public Health England advise us to do so.

Telephone Issue

Please Note: Currently, the school telephone line is not working. Please contact us via email in the interim and we will let you know when we are fully functioning again.

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Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that breakfast club is available daily from 8am. Bookings are not always necessary. £2.50 per child including breakfast.

Clubs

Clubs will resume week beginning 13th September, further details in next week's newsletter.

Staffing

Sadly, Mrs Mottue will not be with us for the start of term due to a close family bereavement at the end of the summer holiday. I am sure that you join with staff in offering our sincere condolences and best wishes at this time. We welcome Miss Dani Calvert to the infants as classteacher until Mrs Mottue's return. Miss Calvert is experienced in both EYFS and KS1 teaching and we look forward to welcoming her to the Danby family. Miss Calvert will be supported by Kath Cornforth in the infant class and both I and Kath will be there to welcome the children in on Tuesday morning and introduce them to their new temporary teacher properly.

Dinner Costs - REMINDER

Please note that from September we will be increasing the cost of a school meal from £2.40 to £2.60. We have been able to keep our dinner cost at £2.40 for many years but sadly we have seen an increase in the cost of school catering and so with some reluctance have been required to make an increase as the school operates school meals at a loss.

Diary Dates

Training Day	Monday 6th September
Children Return to School	Tuesday 7th September

Next Week I will be at Egton: Monday Morning; Tuesday afternoon; all day Wednesday and Friday. I will be at Danby: Monday afternoon; Tuesday morning and all day Thursday.

Have a good weekend and see you on Tuesday!

With best wishes,



Liz Orland
Headteacher