



Welcome Back – It is really lovely to have everyone back in school and together again. The children all look very smart and are very enthusiastic to be back in school with their friends and teachers. There have been some changes to the way we work which the children have adapted to really well.

Going forward we are going to need your help in order to keep the whole school community safe and well. We are asking that at the end of the school day that anyone coming onto the school site wears a face covering and adheres to 2m social distancing whilst waiting to collect your child or when speaking to a staff member. It is also essential that your child comes to the school at the designated time and not earlier.

The children should come at the following times:

8.30am – Year 1 (Hedgehogs, Otters and Badgers), Y6 (Oxford, Cambridge and UCL) and Y3 (Durham, Glasgow and Warwick)

8.40am – Year 2 (Owls, Kingfishers and Kestrels) and Year 4 (Southampton, Bristol and Manchester)

8.50am – FS2 (Ladybirds, Bees and Dragonflies) and Year 5 (Liverpool, York and Edinburgh)

At the end of the day please come for your allocated time and once you have collected your child please leave the site quickly. No children are allowed to play on any of the playground equipment either in the morning or at the end of the day.

Going home times:

3.00pm – Year 1 (Hedgehogs, Otters and Badgers), Y6 (Oxford, Cambridge and UCL) and Y3 (Durham, Glasgow and Warwick)

3.10pm – Year 2 (Owls, Kingfishers and Kestrels) and Year 4 (Southampton, Bristol and Manchester)

3.20pm – FS2 (Ladybirds, Bees and Dragonflies) and Year 5 (Liverpool, York and Edinburgh)

Please do not come earlier as we want to prevent long queues forming on the pavements around the two main entrances. If you do have siblings coming in or leaving at different times – please select one time to come to the school. **Do not** come earlier than your allocated time if you only have one child in school.

Learning in the classrooms – We are mindful that the experience has been very different for all families and we want to respond to everyone need's in the best way possible. Each year group has an initial two week project to help them settle back into their learning giving them opportunities to talk about what happened for them.

The ELF room is not available in the way that it has been previously due to social distancing measures. However, we want to continue with this valuable pastoral support. In order to do this we have appointed an additional member of staff giving us a team of four adults. In order to ensure children

have access to the ELF team we have placed one of the team in the Y4 shared area and one in the Y1, whilst the two remaining staff will work out of the ELF room. The ELF team are around at the beginning of the day and are out on the playground at lunchtimes in their ELF high viz jackets. Parents can still phone to speak to the staff if you require any additional support.

The teaching staff are now in the process of establishing where all the children are in their learning. It is essential that we work out exactly what they know, what they can't do or what they don't understand. We are doing this in lots of different ways over the forthcoming two weeks, including: conferencing some children individually, undertaking reading, maths and grammar tests, observing children closely, talking to them and listening to them read. We know that lots of children will have gaps in their learning, undertaking these activities will enable us to address these quickly and effectively so as to not impact on their longer term life chances.

Welcome to the following staff – We have been joined by several new staff this academic year and we would like to extend a warm welcome to them:

Kate Lawrence (Admin)
Sarah Cooke (Riggs TA)
Brenda Stone (Riggs TA)
Sara Keywood (Supply – Teaching Personnel)
Courtney Burgoyne (Supply – Teaching Personnel)
Josh Lucas - (Schools Direct Trainee Teacher)

Census Day – You may not be aware but each term the Department for Education do a census for every school. The census is used to inform and establish what our budget will be. One of the measures they collect, is how many children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 take up the hot free school meal. This data is then used to give us money, however, we are not getting as much money as we could as not enough children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 are having the free school meal.

We would like to ask that all parents in FS2, Y1 and Y2 book for their child to have a free school meal on Thursday 1st October – if all families did this the school would receive approximately £20,000 in additional funding. This additional funding would make a real difference to us.

In order to book a meal for your child, simply log into their Wisepay account and choose a meal for Thursday 1st October. There will be no charge for this and it will benefit the school and the children immensely. If you have any problems, please call into the office. We will also send home paper reply slips nearer the time.

Curriculum News – We are excited to be back in school and are looking forward to learning lots of new things over the coming days, weeks and months. We are already a week into our first projects of the year and have been learning the new routines and expectations of our bubbles. We will continue to follow the project approach across the year, but have had to make some changes due to the COVID-19 restrictions. This means that sadly, we will not be able to invite you into our outcomes in school, but don't worry as we are planning alternative ways to share the children's work with you. This year we have some new additions to the curriculum. We are

introducing a new reading comprehension programme called Reading Masters. This will take place every day, giving the children access to a wide range of quality texts, enabling focussed discussion and ensuring the children have the skills and confidence to answer a range of comprehension questions accurately. Also this year, PSHE becomes known as RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) in-line with the new statutory guidance. We will have RSHE days each half term and follow the Jigsaw curriculum which covers the expectations set by the DfE at an age appropriate level. Further information regarding the new RSHE curriculum will be sent out shortly. It is going to be another busy year and we are excited to see how it unfolds!

Reading Books and Diaries - We are looking forward to getting the children back into our reading corridor, choosing new books to bring home. Teachers are currently hearing each child read and assessing the correct colour Book Bands. The children will start to bring their new reading books and reading diaries home in the week beginning 21st September. We will be following government guidelines and quarantining books as they are returned, which will mean that children are not able to change their books as often as usual. However, they will be able to choose a new book each week. Please try to read with your child for 10 minutes each day - don't forget that children will gain a lot from rereading and talking about their books and will often find something new each time!

Books at home- We would be grateful if everyone could have a look to see they have any school books at home - they may be ones with a coloured book band sticker or books from the library bus. If so, please could your child bring them back to school as soon as possible so that we can get them back into the system again. Thank you!

Inset days – We will be holding Inset days on the following dates:

Monday 2nd November 2020
Friday 12th February 2021
Monday 22nd February 2021
Thursday 1st April 2021
Friday 2nd July 2021
Monday 5th July 2021

When the school holds an Inset day this means no children attend school for that day. These days are used for key staff development and training purposes to ensure that our teaching staff are the very best.

Covid-19 Testing - Visit the [get a free coronavirus \(COVID-19\) NHS test](#) page to book a visit. This will give you a range of testing options available in your local area. These will usually be:

- test centre – booking a test at a drive-in test centre is likely to be the fastest way to get a test.
- home test kit – staff, parents or carers, can order a home test kit for themselves or up to 3 members of their household

Birthday Treats – We know that lots of children like to bring in cakes or treats for their birthdays to share with their friends. We are going to be asking that for the time being we do not do this.

Website – Please do look at our website on a regular basis as we do keep it up-to-date. The address is www.malmesburypark.com

Naming Uniform – Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. We accrue a lot

of lost property during the year, and it is impossible to reunite items with their owner if items are not named. Thank you.

No Nut School – We are a strict no nut school in order to ensure the well-being of all our children as we have several children with severe allergies.



Dogs – We would like to ask all parents who walk their dogs to school to not tie them to the fencing around school. Due to the current restrictions people are having to queue up on the pavements meaning that there may not be enough room for young children and dogs. Dogs are absolutely not allowed onto the school site even if you carry them in your arms.

Parking – We need your help in maintaining good relationships with our neighbours and therefore ask that you do not park on their drives or block the access to them.

Dates for Your Diary

Thurs 1st Oct – Census day
Tues 20th Oct – Individual photos
Fri 23rd Oct – Break for half term
Mon 2nd Nov – Inset day
Tues 3rd Nov – Return to school
Fri 6th Nov – Bags to school FOMPPS
Mon 16th Nov – National anti-bullying week.
Thurs 10th Dec – Flu vaccine day
Fri 18th Dec – End of term
Mon 4th Jan- Return to school
Thurs 11th Feb – Break for half term
Fri 12th Feb – Inset day
Mon 22nd Feb – Inset day
Tues 23rd Feb – Return to school
Thurs 4th Mar – World Book Day
Wed 31st Mar – Break for Easter
Thurs 1st April – Inset day
Mon 19th April – Return to school
Mon 3rd May – Bank Holiday (School closed)
Mon 10th May – Y6 SATs week
Fri 28th May – Break for half term
Mon 7th June – Return to school
Fri 2nd July – Inset day
Mon 5th July – Inset day
Fri 23rd July – Last day of term

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