

Newsletter 1 – Friday 10th September 2020

Welcome Back!

It has been so lovely to welcome our children back after what seems like forever. To see them smiling, learning, full of chatter and stories has honestly been the most wonderful thing. Your children are an absolute credit to you as parents and we have renamed them 'Wheeler Warriors' as they have shown such resilience and bravery.

Obviously, school is operating differently to keep everyone safe and I thank you for your co-operation and support. During lockdown we operated as a school for less than 100 pupils and now we have returned to over 500 children, staff and parents which has meant we have had to make changes to life as it was before.

Routines and Timings

The staggered start and end times for each year group will remain for the foreseeable future. The drop off and collection points will also stay the same. There will always be a high level of staffing on the playground and around the site to support you should you have any questions.

If we could ask that you try, where possible, to limit the number of adults bringing and collecting your children to **1 adult per family**. This is to try and reduce the number of additional adults on the playground at any given time.

WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child brings a filled and labelled water bottle every day.

Breakfast and After School Club

This is strictly on a pre booked basis only and priority remains for Key Worker Families, however if we have the space we will always try and support any working family. Places are currently limited to **6 children per class bubble on any given day**. Forms are available from the office or will be sent home with any child that is attending for the following week. We ask you only to book places when it is essential so that we can support as many families as possible. To help us allocate the places and ensure parents are notified as early as possible we ask that forms are returned by a Wednesday. If you have returned your form by the deadline and do not hear from us then you will have secured a place for the days you requested. We thank you for your understanding and patience this week.

PE

All PE is being delivered outside at the moment as the hall is zoned for breakfast and lunches. Your child may bring an outdoor kit and suitable footwear each week. Please can children only bring their PE bag on the day that it is needed and take home for washing weekly.

Curriculum

The children are all engaged in a 'Catch Up Programme', for the first half of this term. This will focus on the following areas of learning.

- Daily Reading
- Phonics for EYFS, KS1 and some children in Year 3
- Maths and x tables
- Writing – including a focus on handwriting and spelling

- PSHCE – with a focus on **well-being**
- PE and health education

Homework

The Learning Challenges that have been returned this week are fantastic !! Well done to all the children (and families) for doing such an amazing job. We will be displaying these around school.

This term the homework will be based around basic skills and reflective of the 'Catch Up' programme. We want every child to **READ 3X** a week as minimum and encourage you to sign and return their reading record.

| Year Group | Homework | Given out | Returned by |
|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| EYFS | Share a book 3X per week | | Checked on a Friday |
| | Phonics /basic skills | Friday | Following Friday |
| Yr 1 and 2 | Reading 3 x a week | | Checked on a Friday |
| | Spellings | Monday | Tested on a Friday |
| | Phonics and Maths | Mondays | Following Monday |
| Key Stage 2 | Reading 3 X a week | Ongoing | Checked on a Friday |
| | Spelling | Monday | Tested on a Friday |
| | Literacy and Maths | Monday | Friday |

COVID Update – Hull (message from the Public Health Director for Hull – Julia Weldon)

As our children, young people and teaching staff return to schools and colleges after the summer break, I wanted to let you know what the current Covid-19 picture is in Hull. Our most recent 7 day rate of infections (as at 08/09/20) was 4.2 per 100,000 people, which is about 11 new cases in a week. This is much lower than the rate across England and the region. It means that we are in a really good position as we return to school and college.

However, numbers are starting to rise again across the country and so we need to continue being careful to keep our numbers low. Please take care of each other by continuing to wash your hands often and to follow your school's Covid guidelines. Take note of the symptoms of Covid-19, and take action by staying at home if you or your family have symptoms and seeking a test for the person with symptoms.

We're confident we have really good systems in place locally with schools to respond quickly and effectively to any cases or issues that arise.

I will update you regularly on our local situation and I wish you a happy and healthy autumn term.

Managing COVID and Sickness

If your child is ill in any way we ask you to contact the office and let us know of the nature of their symptoms so we can give you the correct advice. We are being especially vigilant with any child or adult who is unwell in any way and working with the Public Health Teams and following DFE Advice.

For a child or adult who has any of the following symptoms:

High temperature (37.8c or higher), continuous cough or loss of taste and smell

Currently the advice remains to isolate for **at least** 10 days and access a test and for the household to isolate for 14 days.

School Lunches

From week **beginning the 21st September we will be introducing a hot food option** (including a vegetarian choice). This will be served in a sealed 'takeaway style' container. We will also be continuing with the cold 'Grab Bag Packed Lunch' choice.

Children in F2 , Yr 1 and 2 will all get this for FREE as part of the UNIVERSAL FREE School Meals as will any child in Key Stage 2 who is eligible for Pupil Premium. If your circumstances have changed during lockdown and you believe your child may be eligible, please ring the office and speak to Mrs Todd who will be able to advise you. All other children the lunch charge will be £1:50 .

Children as always will still be able to come with their own packed lunch if that suits.

We will be sending a lunch order form home early next week so you can indicate what your child would like to eat for the following week.

The menu from the 21st is as follows:

| | Monday 21st | Tuesday 22 nd | Wednesday 23rd | Thursday 24th | Friday 25 th |
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| Hot Option | Cheese and tomato pizza Cucumber sticks, tomatoes and coleslaw Choice of cake, yoghurt or fruit | Sausage (vegetarian available), mash, mixed vegetables and Yorkshire pudding Choice of cake, yoghurt or fruit | Chicken and vegetable curry Rice and naan bread Choice of cake, yoghurt or fruit | All day breakfast Choice of cake, yoghurt or fruit | Fish cakes, chips and beans Choice of cake, yoghurt or fruit |
| Grab Bag | Sandwich choice – cheese, ham or jam Yoghurt Fruit Cake Baked snack bag | Sandwich choice – cheese, ham or jam Yoghurt Fruit Cake Baked snack bag | Sandwich choice – cheese, ham or jam Yoghurt Fruit Cake Baked snack bag | Sandwich choice – cheese, ham or jam Yoghurt Fruit Cake Baked snack bag | Sandwich choice – cheese, ham or jam Yoghurt Fruit Cake Baked snack bag |

POP and SHOP

We will be holding POP and SHOP again starting next week. This will take place at 9:10 am on a Thursday morning. We will set up the tables under the canopy on the main playground and as before it will be any 5 items for a £1:00. We ask for you to remain 2 metres apart and que patiently until your

turn. Please do not come onto the playground before 9:10 am as the children will need to be safely in the building before we commence any sales.

Communication and Support

Mrs Wardell and Mrs Gray (formerly known as Miss Parish) are on hand to not only support your children with any issues but also help you as parents. If you need any support, please contact the office who will be able to arrange for them to contact you. If you wish to speak with your child's class teacher or pass on any messages please again ring the school office on 353125 who can make arrangements for the teacher to ring you as soon as possible.

Key Dates this term

- Wb 19th October – Key Stage 2 telephone consultations with parents
- Weds 21st October- School Closes for half term
- Monday 2nd November-School re opens
- Parent consult week Key Stage 1 (phonecalls)
- Monday 9th November– EYFS Consult week (phonecalls)
- Friday 18th December – School closes for Christmas break