



The 'BROADCAST'

Newsletter 13: Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear Parents

Teachers have been busy writing reports for every child. Some children they haven't seen for a very long time. All children in school will be given their report on Friday 10th July. There is a page for you to comment and your child to also review the year. We usually collect these in. We can't collect paper in at the moment. We would love you to post this comments page on See Saw. Teachers will not approve it. Therefore, other parents cannot view it. But, they will print it off and teachers will read your comments. Your time is very much appreciated. If your child is not in school you will be able to collect their report from Friday 10th July from the school office between 11am and 2.30pm.

Big Write for
this week:-

Dear,

Write a letter
to your new
teacher.

PLEASE
ENSURE
YOU STAY
ON YOUR
SPOT AND
LEAVE
SCHOOL
FROM THE
RIGHT EXIT.
COVID HAS
NOT GONE
AWAY.

Dates for
your Diary.
Friday 17th July
Term Ends 2pm
Tuesday 1st
September-
Staff INSET
Wed 2nd
September
Whole School
returns Yr 1-6
Monday 7th
September-
New Reception
join

Next year, Mr Tandy will be teaching in London. We know this is a very exciting opportunity for him and one he deserves. We know his new school is very lucky to have him and we are heartbroken to be losing such a valuable member of our Castle Hill Team. The contribution he has made to the school has been considerable. Because of his efforts and enthusiasm we now have a girls and a boys football team. We don't want to lose these and Mr Tandy has already put arrangements in place so these will continue. We are extremely grateful to the parents that have offered to support Mrs Tegg with this. The current situation makes it very difficult to replace Mr Tandy. We do not welcome finding someone of an equally high calibre through a zoom interview and I'm sure many of you will empathise with this. Fortunately, we benefit from a very established and experienced staff who are willingly increasing their responsibilities for the year ahead. First and foremost, we want every child to benefit from high quality classroom teaching that we have the capacity to deliver.

Teaching Staff for 2020-2021

We have considered the strength of continuity for our children where possible. Mrs Richards has been working with Reception children all through the phased return period so that they know their teacher when they return in September.

We have been able to ensure Year 1 move to Year 2 with Mrs Blake and Mrs Tegg so that they have a thorough understanding of how to maximise their children's learning.

Year 2 will move to Year 3. They have not been in school for a long time. Therefore, Year 3 will be taught by Mrs Ettrick. She is our very experienced English Coordinator and best placed to assess the children's strengths and support them with any weaknesses, helping them to be Key Stage 2 ready by concentrating on the basics.

Year 3 will move to Year 4 with their existing teacher, Miss Baldwin. This will ensure the children feel quickly settled and are able to continue learning.

Year 4 will move to Year 5 and be taught by Mrs Raymond. She has taught many Key Worker Year 4 children during the phased return period. She is a very experienced lead teacher.

Year 5 will move to Year 6 and benefit from Mrs King's expertise. Mrs King, supported by Mrs Blunn, will teach in the mornings. In the afternoons, Mrs Blunn will teach the creative curriculum and Mrs Tegg PE.

Diamond Children: We are awarding Diamond Awards to classes that have not been invited back in school. Well done to the following children for their home- learning:

Year 2- Sebastian Little, Alex Mason

Year 5- William Waldron, Nour Berberi

Year 3- Piper Jones, Arwen Watts

Year 4- Marley Hurd, Maya Kiciak

The Government have announced outline plans for September. These are plans for school to work from but will be finalised by the Government on August 11th when the situation of the Country has been assessed. In a nutshell these are their plans. As a school we now need some time to ensure we have translated their guidance accurately and can make the necessary arrangements.



Elsie has a prized Blue Peter Badge

- School Compulsory for all children for 5 days a week.
- Children in Bubbles of 30 not to mix with Key Stages.
- Use of different entrances for each Key Stage.
- Children do not need to social distance- adults do.
- Reading books can go to and from school. Pupils will bring just essential items to school. Lunchboxes, pencil case, water bottle, coat.
- Children side by side – not face to face, frequent hand washing. Where possible, sit facing the front of class.
- Staff do not work in close proximity to a child for length of time- more than 15 minutes. Try and keep 1 metre apart.
- Play and Lunch in small groups- KS1/ Yr 3 and 4 / Year 5 and 6
- Packed Lunches in classrooms. No hot dinners at first. Caterlink provide packed lunch to KS1 and FSM.
- Breakfast Club and after school club to keep small consistent groups.

The Catch Up Curriculum: Focus on English- Phonics, Reading, Writing, Storytelling and Maths- Number Work and Topic Maths. Aim for all children to be back on track by Summer 2021.

Essential

We will be participating in supporting the NHS with Flu vaccinations

We will limit visitors in school to those involved with safeguarding our children.

Desirable- We will try and do annual photos- maybe outside. We will try and make provision for the Isle of Wight if insurance will cover us. We will aim to before and after school care. We will adhere to strict guidelines to ensure volunteers and visitors are kept safe.

Unlikely- Any event that involves a large assembly of people will not happen in the Autumn Term.

School trips, Cycling Proficiency, Meet the Teacher, Secondary School Transfer Information Evening, Harvest Festival, Sing a long, Young Voices, Open Afternoon.

We will work on alternative ways to deliver some of these and keep you informed. Please give us your full support. This continues to be a very complicated and difficult time to organise a school. Your child's safety is our first priority.