

To make our dreams come true

through our shared Christian Values of compassion, respect, trust, wisdom and friendship

*You are like a tree planted by the water, bearing fresh fruit every month,
Never dropping a leaf, always in blossom. Psalm 1:3*

2nd September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

A warm welcome to all and especially to new parents and children. I hope you had a relaxing summer. We are looking forward to the new school year.

Parents will be invited to an informal open classroom session to meet the teacher and find out about the curriculum. Teachers will send you a class letter, curriculum overviews and a class timetable, together with the Home/ School Agreement. We have Breakfast Club spaces—please request a form from the office if you are interested. You can also find the form on the school website. Sessions must be pre-booked.

Covid guidance changed on 16th August. The symptoms haven't changed. Please see the main points overleaf. We will continue to take pragmatic measures in school, such as open windows and regular hand washing. See also:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/parents-checklist-of-top-tips-for-return-school-college>
<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-coronavirus>

Please see the diary dates below. We may need to make changes and adapt if necessary. If you wish to speak to the class teacher please make an appointment after school, as mornings are very busy! As always, If you have any concerns please contact me via the office. And finally, congratulations to Mrs Cole on her new grandson!

Best wishes,

Louise Knipe

Diary Dates:

- 3rd September -Hooke Court meeting 3.15pm -4pm Year 5 and 6
- 6th September - Astronomers Open Classroom 3.15pm -4pm
- 7th September- Philosophers Open Classroom 3.15-4pm
- 8th September -Explorer's Open Classroom 3.15pm-4pm
- Week beginning 4th October- Whole School Dragon Book Week
- Monday 11th October -Parents' Evening
- Tuesday 12th October -Parents' Evening
- 19th October- Harvest Service 2pm
- 20th October- TD DAY



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Autumn Term: A refresh of the main changes to Covid guidance

Unwell

- Children who are unwell should not attend school and should remain at home until their **acute** symptoms resolve (+24 hours for a fever) This has always been the case. Examples of **acute** symptoms with which children should not attend school include fever, muscle aches, hacking cough

Covid

- IF these symptoms develop into a **cough, temperature, changes to taste and or smell**, they should isolate and get tested for Covid-19
- IF the test is negative for Covid-19, the child still needs to remain at home until at least **24 hours fever free** and acute symptoms are resolved
- Parents and settings should not try and 'second guess' diagnosis – if have one or more of the key Covid symptoms, isolate and test.
- If a child or member of staff tests positive they will be required to isolate and close associates will be asked to take a PCR test. Classes will not be sent home unless advised to do so by public health.

Individuals identified as close contacts are not required to self isolate if any of the following apply:

- They are fully vaccinated (at least 14 days after the 2nd dose)
- They are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- They have taken part in or are currently part of an approved Covid-19 vaccine trial
- They are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Close contacts who are not required to isolate will be advised to:

- Take a PCR test (do not need to self isolate whilst awaiting result but will need to isolate if positive)
- Limit close contact with others outside their household
- Wear a face covering in enclosed spaces

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Please remember school attendance is mandatory and non-attendance may trigger a safeguarding concern. Please ensure you contact us by 9am if your child is unable to attend school and explain the reason. This will be recorded on the school register.



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