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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so happy to welcome your children back to school this term. After a very strange time, it seems like things are becoming more normal despite risk assessments and control measures still being in place. Perhaps we have got used to them as they are now part of our usual day.

The children have been great and have enjoyed seeing their friends and getting back into school routines. Our new year 2s have settled in well into their new classroom with Mrs Stiansen and Mrs Waddington and our new Reception children are doing an amazing job of keeping Mrs Strangeways on her toes! Nursery is still thriving with Miss Adams and Miss Easten. Well done everyone!

**Our school topics for this term are:**

Introduction topic: Here We Are (based on the book by Oliver Jeffries)

Main topic: The Natural World and the Environment

RE topic: Islam in the first half term and Christianity after half term.

**After Christmas** our school topic will be Fantastic Creatures.

We continue to have PE in school until we can go swimming again. We will still do this on a Wednesday afternoon to keep our timetable consistent. We also welcome Commando Joe's 'Adventure Learning' into school on Thursday afternoons. Commando Joe's is an amazing programme to enable children to build confidence, resilience, team work, problem solving and independence. We are excited to offer this every Thursday going forward. If you want to find out more see their website <https://commandojoes.co.uk/about/>

**Therefore children will need to wear PE / active clothes on both Wednesdays and Thursdays.**

Normally this is school t-shirt and jumper with tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

We aim to be outside as much as we can, especially given current advice on being Covid secure which recommends being outdoors. Therefore, please make sure your child comes to school with a coat.

*Rebecca*

## After school clubs

We aim to start having after school clubs from next week (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September).

**Monday** Mrs Turner is going to do a being active / ball skills club on Mondays.

**Wednesday** Mrs Strangeways will do a sports club on Wednesdays.

**Thursday** Regan will be doing a Commando Joe's after-school club on Thursdays.



# Seesaw

We are currently looking at ways for the staff to do 'virtual' reading log comments to avoid a paper reading log being passed between home and school. We are looking at using the Seesaw app to allow us to have a connection between home and school in order to do this. If it works then this can also be used to set work and give feedback should we have another lockdown. We will send more information out about this shortly once we have talked to other schools who have used it successfully and have had staff training.

## Drop Off and Pick Up Times

Reminder of the drop off and pick up times for each class to avoid congestion on our site.

### Drop Off Times:

**Nursery** 8.50—9.00am

**Class 1** 8.40—8.50am

**Class 2** 8.30—8.40am

### Pick Up Times:

**Nursery** 2.30—2.45pm

**Class 1** 2.45—2.55pm

**Class 2** 2.55—3.00pm

Thank you for your help with this

## Consent Forms etc

**A huge thank you to everyone who has completed and returned the forms that were sent home with your child last week.**

**If you haven't yet returned the forms, please could you do this as soon as possible so that we have all the necessary consents and correct contact information etc for your child.**

**Many thanks for your help with this**

