

The Friday Post

Friday, 11 September 2020



NEW TERM

We are so pleased to have started the new school year with all children attending. We have welcomed some new children into Nursery, Reception and also Year 6, as well as new staff members. Things have, of course, been quite different to how we would normally like to start the year but both staff and children have risen well to the challenges set by the current Covid19 pandemic. We would request that you remain vigilant for any Covid symptoms and follow the guidance that has been sent out and is readily available on the internet. To ensure that the classrooms are well ventilated, windows and doors are being kept open, so layers may be good as the weather cools down!

This year we have named our classes - EYFS is Dormouse class, Class 1 is Red Squirrel, Class 2 Hedgehog and Class 3 are Badger Class.

USELESSFUL FACTS

Bananas glow blue under black lights.

WRAP AROUND CARE

We are really pleased with how the After School Club is running. Miss Chloe Foster is leading the club, assisted by Miss Amy Harris. This term, the club is running out of the Village Hall. We are very grateful to the hall committee for allowing us to make use of this facility. Please book, in advance, if you would like your child to attend after school club, which runs from 3.15 to 6pm.

Additionally, our popular Breakfast Club has restarted. Again, please book in advance if you would like to make use of this provision. Thanks go to Mrs Smith for running this.

MENU

We are pleased to be able to offer hot meals again, albeit on a slightly restricted menu. Unfortunately, the supplier is unable to supply Monday's beef burgers, so **Fish cake, mash and sweetcorn** will be on offer. The veg option remains the same.

PARKING

When dropping children off in the mornings, and picking up at 3pm, please ensure that cars are parked legally and sensibly so that traffic can flow through the village unimpeded. There are some large vehicles passing through, as well as the service and school buses. Thanks

RESTRICTIONS

To minimise the amount of equipment moving from home to school and vice versa, we are asking for children to only bring water bottles, lunch bags and coats into school. Nursery children may also bring a change of clothing which will be left in school unless used. The children will only bring home water bottle and lunch box in addition to their reading record on a Monday. The Reading record needs to be returned the following Friday.

Class	PE	PE	Woodland School
Dormouse	Monday	Thursday	Friday
Red Squirrel	Tuesday	Friday	Thursday
Hedgehog	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Badger	Tuesday	Friday	Wednesday

The children need to come to school in their PE kit or Woodland School clothes on the days noted above. Uniform needs to be worn on the remaining two days.

SEESAW

We have decided to continue to make use of the Seesaw online learning platform. We shall be using this for the children to find their home learning activities and also record their 'show and tell' activities. They should have received a new login code. Last term's work has been archived so they have fresh new-looking accounts. Unfortunately, the provider is not yet able to provide a facility to switch between accounts quickly for multiple siblings but this is something they are looking at.

TIMINGS

Please remember that Badger and Hedgehog children should arrive at 8.50. Their younger siblings will also be admitted at this time. The remaining children from Dormouse and Red Squirrel are due at 9am. In the afternoon, Red Squirrel and Dormouse children will be sent out at 3pm unless they have older siblings in which case they will be sent out at 3.15.

PLAYFRAME

We are very pleased that the new playframe has now been installed and the children have started using it, albeit taking turns. We are grateful to FOCS for helping subsidise this development by a huge 50%. Please continue to support FOCS as they try to raise funds for the 'additional extras' that the children enjoy.

Our value the term is 'GENEROSITY'