

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday September 26th



Dinner Money

Please remember that Universal FREE school meals finishes at the end of Year 2 and free school meals for everyone is not available from Year 3 onwards. You have to apply if you feel you meet the requirements for this benefit. Otherwise meals are £2 a day payable in all the usual ways. Apologies for any confusion. Universal FREE school meals are offered to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.

Uniform and PE Kit

Although I have previously indicated that we would be reintroducing uniform from the beginning of October I am quite happy for this to start on Monday October 5th – a new week. It can still be worn on Thursday October 1st – I'll leave the decision with parents and carers. You'll also remember that it's OK for children to wear suitable kit to school on PE/Games days. Please – please – please start naming those uniforms! **SO UNIFORM DEFINITELY TO BE WORN FROM MONDAY OCTOBER 5th.**

The Green Mile

When we write to families about collection points after clubs we often refer to the green mile. This reference refers to the long green carpet which runs from KS2A to KS2B. If you are picking up from the green mile the children will come through the gate at the top end of the car park.

Swimming

One or two local schools have restarted swimming lessons at Nye Bevan Pool. I have hesitated to start lessons as I remain concerned about both coach travel and changing at the pool. I think such lessons would be an unnecessary risk. I'd like to find out what parents/carers think particularly those from Year 4 who would be first on any rota. Please email me your thoughts.

Remote Learning

Mrs Trussell is going to experiment with some remote learning in Class 3-4T. She is going to deliver a lesson to her class from her dining room with teaching assistants supervising the class. Teaching assistants will also use a visualiser so Mrs Trussell can see the work the children are producing in the lesson. It's a government requirement that teachers can deliver lessons remotely so I'm delighted that we are making progress in this area.

KS2 Assembly

I am still delivering pre-recorded assemblies to classes on different themes but it was particularly rewarding to be able to deliver a certificate assembly during the past week. Some more normality.

Bubbles

We have been able to maintain the integrity of all bubbles throughout the term so far – no mixing in lesson times, lunchtimes or playtimes. This is because all staff are working incredibly hard to keep everyone as safe as we can. I must praise teaching assistants who have adjusted their hours to be here from 8 and teachers who have added the role of kitchen / meal assistant to their Job description.

Communication

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher and this can not be done at the start or end of the school day (I know this is very difficult) ring me or email me and I'll get them to telephone you. Some parents / carers are already doing this and it really seems to be working very successfully. Sometimes I can sort an issue out – lost kit etc. and I'm always happy to do so.

Our Canine Friends

If it looks like a dog, sniffs like a dog, barks like a dog and moves like a dog it's probably a dog. No dogs on school premises please. Unfortunately school premises start at the fence / gate.

Toast

A reminder that there are now lots of ways to pay for toast – termly, weekly or on the day if absolutely necessary. From Monday October 5th each class will have a list of those who've ordered toast in any of these ways and we will only be toasting the required number of slices.

Lost Property

Linda has lots of lost property in her room including some rather nice winter coats. Contact the office if you are missing any items

I wish everyone a great rest of the weekend. MIKE BEALE – 26/09/2020