

Newsletter

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We're Off and Running!

We have now completed our first full week of the new school year and our children have shown amazing resilience and boundless enthusiasm (although many of them are finding the wait until lunchtime quite a challenge—and many are feeling pretty exhausted by the end of the school day!)

Today, I am sending home an information-gathering form via Class Dojo and as a paper copy, so that we can be sure of everyone's technology capacity at home. As you know, in the event of a child testing positive for Covid, we will need to close that child's bubble for 14 days. The bubble would then need to revert to remote learning, which will be similar to the provision during lockdown, but will also include direct remote teaching and intervention group work. Our aim is to keep the provision for any bubble who have to stay at home, as close to normal as we can do, remotely.

We are also entering the quite normal season when children pick up coughs and colds—no doubt even more so now, as they have been away from others for so long. As parents and carers, you are required to keep your child at home, then arrange a Covid test—and at school we are required to follow Government guidelines and send home any child who is showing the following symptoms of Covid:

- ⇒ **a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)**
- ⇒ **a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)**
- ⇒ **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal**

If you are unsure, we recommend you contact NHS 111, or call your GP for advice. Children may need to be off school because they are feeling unwell due to a 'normal' cold virus.

As we move forwards, we will encounter many challenges and potential stumbling blocks, however I am confident we can meet these head on. God willing.



'WELL DONE!' to the following pupils who received special awards today:

Year R – Everyone in Reception Class!

Year 1 – Anastazja

Year 2 – Sophia

Year 3 – Wiktor

Year 4 – Asher

Year 5 – Drey

Year 6 – Ella

Special Awards: Our fantastic Lunchtime Staff!



Just before the start of the summer holidays, many of our pupils completed a 'Back to School Questionnaire', so that, as staff, we could find out more about what children might be worried about, as they prepared to return to school following the long absence.

Over the next few weeks, I will be talking to children in all our classes about what returning to school has been like from their points of view. I will update you in the next few newsletters. I would also, as always, welcome feedback regarding returning to school, from your points of view—



please do let me know if you have any concerns or if you have some good ideas.

LIVING OUR SCHOOL MOTTO

One of the first tasks for every class this term, was to think about our school motto and how we all try to live by this in our day to day lives. Kamilla, in Year Six, put a great deal of thought into how she was going to try to achieve, through God's love.

"This year I'd like to be a House Captain for St. Bernadette House. God's love will give me wisdom, confidence and courage to make the right choices and to not be afraid to tell everyone my ideas.

During Year Six, I want to get quicker at my work and finish it in the time given. God's love will give me focus and determination to not be distracted.

I want to reach 'Robinson Level' in the times tables challenge. God's love and help will give me perseverance to keep trying, even when it seems impossible.

I would like to improve my maths skills this year. God's unfailing love will help me be resilient and determined to improve, step by step and achieve a better end result."

A very thought-provoking piece of work, Kamilla!

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

School attendance for week beginning

Monday 7th September:

	% Attendance
Reception Class	94.5%
Year One	95.5%
Year Two	87.9%
Year Three	93.5%
Year Four	82.2%
Year Five	92.3%
Year Six	95.9%

Well done Year 6!

**OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:
90.9% - Let's aim for 100%
next week!**



LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK:

The Wednesday Word—whole school
Covid-19 Reference Guide—letter
Technology Survey—letter and dojo

30th September—Rags2Riches Collection. Please bring your donations (in black bin liners) on the day. Last Year we raised £170.45 from your clothing donations.

Wednesday Word: 'Forgiveness'

**Through God's Love
We Will Achieve**