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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and after a period of dry and chilly starts, this morning's down pour was certainly something I could have done without!

Over the past couple of weeks, we have seen our COVID cases fluctuating but thanks to all of your support and the precautions that are in place and have been added, we have still been able to function normally (what ever normal looks like!!!) and therefore from next week we feel comfortable to revert back to our original start and end times. The rest of this newsletter will explain the procedures for that.

Rear School Gate

From Monday 7th February 2022, the rear gate leading from Highgate Road will be operational having finally been fixed. It will only be in use before and after school, not during the school day. Please note that the first person to arrive will need to push this open so that it locks into place as it does not have an automatic opener fitted.

School Start times

From Monday 7th February 2022 all gates (Rear, Main Pedestrian on Copnor Road and drive) will open at 08:30 to allow access to the site and will close at 09:00. I would recommend that children continue to enter the site using both the pedestrian and drive gates as they have been over the past few weeks, as well as the rear gate, to avoid large numbers of people using just one way in.

Children will then be able to enter the school buildings (both KS1 and KS2 side) from 08:35 until 09:00.

Staff will be at the doors between 08:35 and 08:45, after this time, children will need to pull the doors open and enter, heading to their classroom in the usual way. Please note that there will be staff on the playground and inside of the building to greet them after 08:45 for safeguarding reasons.

Anyone arriving after 09:00 will need to come to the reception gate, be buzzed onto site, and enter through the main reception area of the school.

Please be aware that whilst the Covid rates are falling, it is still very much part of our school community and therefore whilst we do not have defined staggered start times any longer, to support our working parents, if everyone arrives at 08:30, that will be a lot of bodies on site. Therefore, children can enter the building anytime from 08:35 – 09:00 and will be marked present. Anyone arriving after 09:00 will be marked as late and anyone arriving after 09:15 (unless a valid reason has been provided) will be marked as unauthorised.

School End times

All three gates will open at 15:10 with the school day ending at 15:15. Children can be collected anytime between 15:15 and 15:25. The gates will then close at 15:30.

Main Pedestrian Gate

I am sorry that this week we have had issues with the gates opening in the morning. Following the engineers visit, this issue is potentially due to the gates being leant against whilst closed or being pushed when opening whilst outside before 08:30. This causes pressure on the sensors and motors that causes the power to be shut off as a safety feature to avoid injuries. We therefore have to reset the system which is not instant and often have to come and manually open them. We do not know this has happened until they do not open. We have spoken to the children about this but could you please ensure that if you are waiting at the gates that no one leans on them or pushes them when opening.

Golden Child

I am delighted to share the names of last week's Golden Children, they are:

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
R	Bright	Avery
	Donaldson	Orla
	Potter	Thom
1	Banksy	Jessie
	Goldsworthy	Maya
	Riley	Isabella
2	Asher-Smith	Hattie
	Farah	James
	Simmonds	Jess
3	Adele	Jack
	Elton	Lewis
	Sheeran	Tommy
4	Brunel	Raya
	Callaghan	Samuel
	Dickens	Nora
5	Dyson	Lani
	Gilbert	Finley
	Newton	
6	Attenborough	Ben
	Churchill	Scarlett
	Pankhurst	Elliot
	Shakespeare	Nathaniel

Children in KS2 have all been recognised as someone who shows they appreciate education and welcomes new challenges.

Children in KS1 have all been recognised as someone who has a positive attitude to learning.

Golden Child

I am delighted to share the names of this week's Golden Children, they are:

Year Group	Class	Golden Child
R	Bright	Magdalena
	Donaldson	Bethany
	Potter	Molly
1	Banksy	Aleksander
	Goldsworthy	Blake
	Riley	Freddie
2	Asher-Smith	Everly
	Farah	Isla-Rose
	Simmonds	Floyd
3	Adele	Norah
	Elton	Beth
	Sheeran	Maddison
4	Brunel	Anaya
	Callaghan	Josiah
	Dickens	Suha
5	Dyson	Amber
	Gilbert	Arwen
	Newton	Mirribelle
6	Attenborough	Jenna
	Churchill	Katie
	Pankhurst	Max
	Shakespeare	Reuben

The children have all been recognised as someone who uses their initiative.

House Points

	Alliance	Mary-Rose	Victory	Warrior
House Points collected this week	968	418	519	734
Running Termly Total	6,223	3,886	6,015	4,812

I hope that you all have a restful weekend, keep safe and that you get to enjoy the sunny weather that is planned, just remember to wrap up warm.

Matt Johnson
Headteacher