



After a six-month hiatus, it's time to get the Newsletter up and running again to try and keep parents informed as to what's going on. The last time I wrote a Newsletter back in March, we were instructed to close a few days later, so let's hope we have better luck this time!

Once again, I'd like to offer my sincere gratitude to everyone in our school family for the amazing support they have offered since we were forced to close to the majority of children in March: it has not been an easy time, with a prolonged period of home schooling, but it has been absolutely fantastic to see the children back in school over the last week or so.

We are looking to restart our Golden Awards, Times Tables Rock Stars awards etc to regain some form of normality, even if they won't be awarded in whole-school assemblies for the time being. It was great to see Lila in Y2 being awarded the very first token of 2020-2021 earlier this week for some fantastic independent research on the Arctic and Antarctic – well done Lila!

#### House token totals (to 11/9/20):

Topaz	1
Sapphire	0
Ruby	0
Emerald	0

#### After school clubs

In the short term, we are not looking to restart any of the after-school clubs such as football, dance etc. However, this is something we would like to facilitate as soon as possible and we are exploring different ways to still offer clubs whilst keeping children safe. Watch this space!

#### School reading books

If you have any school reading books lurking around at home, we would be grateful if these could be returned next week please.

#### COVID update

As we are seeing in the media, a significant upswing in positive cases is occurring at present. A separate letter for parents is being sent out today to outline the school's approach to symptomatic children/adults and also illustrate for parents the approaches that would need to be taken at home if a child develops symptoms overnight or at the weekend. Our approach adheres to the Government guidelines and I hope you find the information useful.

#### Parking and speed

I received a complaint from a resident earlier this week about the parking around the school site and the speed at which traffic is moving. Whilst I have no legal authority beyond the school's perimeter fence, I must call on all parents, childminders and other relatives to show consideration for residents, other road users and pedestrians: none of us want to be reading a Newsletter article where a child or adult has been hurt as a consequence of poor parking and excessive speed.

#### Dates for your diary

Sep 30	PTA AGM
Oct 23	Break up for half-term
Nov 2	Start of Autumn Term 2
Dec 18	Break up for Christmas
Jan 4	Start of Spring Term 1
Feb 12	Break up for half-term
Feb 22	Start of Spring Term 2
Mar 26	Break up for Easter
Apr 12	Start of Summer Term 1
May 3	Y2 test period across May May Bank Holiday – school closed
10-13	Y6 SATs week
17-19	Y6 residential at Robinwood <i>(subject to changes in Government guidance for residential)</i>
28	Break up for half-term
Jun 7	Start of Summer Term 2
7-11	Y1 phonics screening check week
7-25	Y4 multiplication check period
July 16	Break up for summer



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