

Frances Olive Anderson C of E Primary School

Snippets

Academic Year 2021/22

10/09/2021

WELCOME BACK

It has been an amazing start to the new school year. A huge thank you must go to all of our families and the whole school community in the joint effort to make this as smooth a start as possible and as enjoyable as it has been.

The children look so smart; thank you for ensuring they are all in correct uniform and supporting us with this. The behaviour in school has been outstanding and it has been so lovely to see the children mixing and supporting one another – more on this later.

We realise it does seem a rush in the mornings now as we have tightened up on timings to make sure we can use every minute of the school day. Register is taken at 8.55am and mathematics starts across school at 9am. It is crucial that your child is in class ready for 8.55am; we do not want any child missing the important starts to the lesson, it causes disruption for all and can make the pupil feel anxious if they know they are late and the lesson has started without them.

We do recommend that every parent or the adult who drops off/ picks up your child, downloads Parent Hub and checks that it is working – this is our main way of communicating information to you directly, it is quick and efficient and ensures everyone knows what is happening and what their child needs to be prepared.

This ultimately helps your child in school as you will be able to support them especially if there is a change to normal routines which can unsettle some. They will always have the correct kit, be prepared for what is

happening in school and in their class. This is also how we share important guidance and updates we receive from the county council, especially with internet safety.

Health Mentor

We are extremely fortunate to be able to employ Mrs Ireland 2 days a week for the short term. This is to support the transition to the next class and support pupils where learning may need be to be accelerated due to the impact of the pandemic.

Mrs Ireland is available to meet with parents/carers:

Tuesday or Wednesday:
9 - 9.30am or 3 - 3.30pm.

Please email the health mentor address to make an appointment should you require one.

E-mail address for you to use if you want to contact Mrs Ireland or Mrs Cullum directly regarding any issues which you feel may be supported through health mentor work. We endeavour to respond to any e-mails received within 48 hours.

healthmentor@olive-anderson.lincs.sch.uk

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We need your help!

We are going to hold a Coffee Morning on Friday 24th September for Macmillan and need help setting up and serving refreshments. Please contact the office.

Donations of cakes will be very much appreciated. Details to follow.

COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms at home please inform us as soon as possible and arrange a PCR test.

sarah.woolley@olive-anderson.lincs.sch.uk

Attendance

Here are our attendance figures to date.

6th-10th September

99.03%

Please remember to fill in a Leave of Absence form if you have to take your child/ren out of school.

We have a duty of care to make sure our pupils are safe and we are also required by law to record all absences.

The value this term – Generosity

At the beginning of term we are having half the school in the hall for Worship and the other half are having Worship streamed virtually into their classroom. This will then alternate on a weekly basis initially. We hope to have the whole school in the hall for Worship by half term.

God's generosity is best described as 'grace', love freely given without limit or conditions. This generosity, once experienced and acknowledged by an individual, can in turn release a generous spirit towards others.

Tully Cup winners:
Rec and KS 1:
Edward B – Yr2

KS 2:
Maisie S – Yr6

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Evergreen

This year we have revised our High 5 rules and have now introduced our EVERGREEN rules – please see attached sheet.

These are very much based on our what was in place previously and reflects our expectations and values. These have been shared with the children and reminders about our behaviour ladder have been given which may result in the loss of EVERGREEN time.

EVERGREEN is a 20 minute slot on a Friday where your child can choose an activity.

You will be informed via Parent Hub if your child is EVERGREEN each Friday, if your child chooses the unacceptable behaviour following a reminder and warning, they will lose their EVERGREEN, but will be able to earn some back. You will be informed via Parent Hub or face to face if your child has lost any EVERGREEN.

For certain behaviours, such as swearing, fighting or play fighting your child may lose their EVERGREEN without a reminder and warning.

We have the same expectations for behaviour at break times and around school. We will of course always praise your child as we catch them being good and try to intervene before any pupil makes the wrong choice with their behaviour.

We are in the process of reviewing our behaviour policy in light of the changes we are making and the ethos in our school that strong relationships and early intervention will support and guide all pupils to make the best choices and to always:

Be the Best we can Be.

Well done to everyone who has retained their Evergreen status and enjoyed a class treat today.

School Lunches

Our new providers Ideal Foods have started this term, thank you to all of you who have registered for meals.

The quality and quantity of food, as well as the choice available seems to have been well received by the children.

It has been lovely to be able to have Year 6 pupils helping at lunch times, they are acting as servers on the first sitting, eating their lunch and setting a good example with a group of children. They have helped clear away and show children how to cut up their food and encouraged the children to eat as much as they can.

All Year 6 will have the opportunity to take on this responsibility over the year. These children have also been asked to choose children to sit on the top table on a Friday to have their lunch. This will be a table set up especially and a member of staff will have their lunch with the children.

This week the following children were invited to sit on the top table for demonstrating excellent table manners and trying to eat all of their lunch:

Obi	Reggie L
Ava	Winston
Charlie S	Miya
Ronnie	Betsy
Daisy	Isaiah

NEST groups

As we are now allowed to have children mix year groups we are

starting our NEST groups which has been a plan of ours for a while but we haven't been able to start due to the restrictions.

NEST stands for Nurture, Empathy, Support and Trust.

The groups are mixed age and no larger than 15 in a group. They will meet weekly at first with a staff member and develop a support network for one another.

We will be using the Kids' Skills structure for the sessions and the first skill we will be learning is:

To Be the Best we Can Be.

The group will support one another in learning this skill.

Kids' Skills is a method /philosophy developed by Dr Ben Furman and is more usually used on a 1:1 basis.

We have used Kids' Skills as an intervention previously so some of you may be familiar with this already. It is useful for at home as well and there is a free App for parents if you wish to download it.

If you would like further information on this there is a very useful You Tube clip where Dr Ben Furman explains the principles.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhvY-W1gRGU>

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