

Churchdown Parton Manor Schools' Federation - Issue 2

Newsletter: 25th September 2020

Good afternoon

Well, there seems to be a lot happening outside of school, with our Prime Minister enforcing new restrictions. Here at school, we are all still adhering to our social distancing measures and are diligently washing our hands and cleaning surfaces. Keep it up troops!

Morning routines

We have all worked hard to follow the guidance I have sent out and I'm incredibly proud that we are asking the right questions. There are a few things I have to remind you of:

- 1) Make sure you arrive at school at your allotted time – there is no need to arrive 20 minutes or even an hour before
- 2) To continue to not congregate on school site – this has improved, but we still need to be mindful; once the children have been collected or dropped off, please leave the premises

Parents' Evening

The first set of Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October. Due to the current COVID restrictions, we will be facilitating the meetings online – using Zoom. The booking platform will still remain the same, but on the day and time of your appointment you will be asked to click a link that will be sent to you and you will be added to a waiting room before being let in by the teacher.

Year 4

As of Tuesday 29th September, Year 4 can return to school – we've missed you! That being said, I have seen some of the fabulous home learning you have been doing via Zoom – I'm very impressed. Being our Home Learning Guinea pigs – I couldn't have asked for a better response. Well done to the parents for organising the technology at home!! ☺

NEWS

Message from the Chair

The Governing Board would like to add their welcome back to you all after such a long and extraordinary time away from school.

This has not been easy for anyone but we are so pleased to see you back and supporting the school. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to Mr. Preece and his wonderful team; they have spent many hours in school during lockdown and in August in preparation for all eventualities – and they are still smiling (mostly!). I know that Mr. Preece has given you regular, frequent and helpful information. I hope it has helped you through this time...and that you have had time to read it! Our good wishes to you all. Mrs Garbett

COVID NHS APP

As of yesterday, the Government launched the new Track and Trace app, which I would vehemently advise to download. From what I see, the app is very useful in terms of checking symptoms, informing you of the risk in the area you live or visiting and indeed adding your test results if you've had one. Please access the link at Google Play or the iPhone APP store. The APP logo looks like this:



Universal Free School Meals

Every child at the Infant school is entitled to UFSM, but you must complete an online form at Gloucestershire County Council. As a school, we receive funding for your children, so it's essential you register. Please type in Gloucestershire County Council Free School Meals into your search bar and it'll take you to the correct page. In addition, if you qualify for Free School Meals the school will receive additional funding to support your child. If not, your child will automatically be added to the UFSM register. Please make sure you register today – thank you.

Reminders

The Virtual climate

The current climate has thrown up a number of challenges, not to mention the difficulties and inconvenience of not having parents on site to meet with staff etc.

Moving forward, we will need to continue to use technology at our disposal to try and make sure we are keeping you informed of your children's progress. As mentioned to the left – Y4 have embarked upon Zoom Learning – which will be the protocol if other bubble groups need to isolate. So far, this has been successful.

We will also use Zoom to carry out our Parents' Evenings this Autumn Term (more detail to the left)

Indeed – our Exhibition Week will also be available for parents and teachers to watch via our website – please watch this space.

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**We're back open on
Tuesday 29th September**

Important

Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 2020

I will inform you of any additional dates or changes as soon as I can by highlighting on the table below using ***

DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 1 2020		
September	Juniors	Infants
28	Harvest week	Harvest week
October		
1	Flu Vaccinations	Flu Vaccinations
5	Y6 Cycle Proficiency Week	
8		Rec Meet the Teacher Meeting – 2:30pm
15	Children in Need	
19	Exhibition Week – virtual video	Exhibition Week - virtual video
20	Parents' Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Parents' Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm
22	Parents' Evening 4:00pm – 7:00pm	Celebration Assembly – via YouTube – 9:00am Parents' Evening 4:00pm – 7:00pm
23	Celebration Assembly – via YouTube 9:00am	
HALF TERM		
2 Nov	INSET DAY	INSET DAY