

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers



A huge welcome back to all our children and staff after a very unorthodox end of school year. Thank you for your kind comments and positivity on how well we did to support you and your children through the closure of our school.

We are now looking forward to a new academic year with our new reception children joining us full time in mid September. We are trying to keep school as "normal" as possible for the children. Weekly Eucharist Services will begin next week via Teams being shown in each classroom, (unfortunately no parents) and our Harvest Celebration will take place on Friday 25th September. It is really important that this year Hive Hope receive our food donations as more families than normal are struggling due to CoVid-19. More details on this will follow.

It has been lovely this week to see the School full of children enjoying their learning and listening to them playing with their friends. I am pleased to say that our new routines are working really well and the children have settled back into school life with ease.

We are "pencilling in" diary dates for usual school events and will share these once all arrangements have been confirmed.

Kind regards,
Amy Chitty
Head Teacher

TERM DATES 2020—2021

TERM 1

1 SEPTEMBER —22 OCTOBER 2020

TERM 2

4 NOVEMBER —18 DECEMBER 2020

TERM 3

4 JANUARY—11 FEBRUARY 2021

TERM 4

23 FEBRUARY—1 APRIL 2021

TERM 5

19 APRIL—28 MAY 2021

TERM 6

8 JUNE—16 JULY 2021

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

3 NOVEMBER 2020

12 FEBRUARY 2021

22 FEBRUARY 2021 (TRUST DAY)

7 JUNE 2021

POLLING DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

THURSDAY 6 MAY 2021

School Arrangements

We are continuing to adhere to the Government guidelines and thank you for your support. Our daily routines include regular hand washing and sanitising, staggered play and lunch times within year group bubbles and extra cleaning of resources and the school environment.

The beginning of the day has worked well this week, with the gates being open from 8.30am until 9.00am. The children have all been amazing coming into school and we hope that this will continue. Please remember we have a one way system on the main gate, with an exit further down the field.

I understand that some of you may be frustrated with the waiting times at the end of the day, but unfortunately, we need to ensure that social distancing is maintained and this is the best way we can do this.

Year Group	Time	Collection Point
Year R	2.45pm	KS2 Playground
Year 1	2.45pm	KS1 Playground
Year 2	2.55pm	KS1 Playground
Year 3	2.55pm	KS2 Playground
Year 4	3.05pm	KS1 Playground
Year 5	3.05pm	KS2 Playground
Year 6	3.15pm	KS1 Playground



A couple of reminders

- * Kent Test will take place on 15 October 2020 (amended from 10 September 2020)
- * Please remember NO NUTS of any kind should be brought into school for snacks or part of your child's packed lunch.
- * Breakfast Club and St Bots Club. Bookings will close 12 noon on a Friday for the following week to allow for planning of staff and resources. Please email admin@st-botolphs.kent.sch.uk for all bookings.

