



CORBY OLD VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back! We have had a wonderful, if not unusual start to the new school year. It is fantastic to see the children back in school, seeing their friends again and learning new routines. They are all adapting so well and we are so proud of how they are all coping with our new normal. We would like to thank you all for your support with this.

This week, our new Reception children started full time. They are getting used to school life, making new friendships and they are all settling in brilliantly. A reminder to Reception parents that the children will start school at 8:45am from Monday 21st September. Please arrive promptly as our next group of children start at 8:55am.

We would like to say a big thank you to all parents and children who are adhering to the social distancing guidelines at the start and end of the school day. It is really important that we carry on with this and continue to arrive promptly and wait on the yellow markers on the pavement.

As is normal for this time of year, we have lots of information for you and some of this is listed below:

Drop off and pick up guidelines

- Please drop off and collect your children promptly at the times we have advised. If you arrive early, please wait well away from the school gates until the previous group have safely entered school and the parents have left. If you arrive late, your child will wait with a member of staff at the gate until it is safe for them to enter. If you arrive after the gates have been closed, please go to the car park gate and call the school office. A member of staff will then come out and collect your child from you.
- Please remember to park sensibly around school and do not block our neighbour's driveways. We also ask that children are kept off our neighbour's walls and gardens.
- Please do not gather in groups around school at drop off and pick up times and be mindful that the new rule of six applies to children as well as adults.

- If you need to speak with your child's class teacher, please try not to do so at the school gate. We have groups arriving and leaving every ten minutes at these times so any delay will have a knock on effect to the following groups. Please e-mail the teacher and if necessary, they can arrange a good time to call you. If you do not know their e-mail address, please ask the school office. The office is open from 8:30am until 3:30pm every day and the telephone number is 01536 202359.

Children who are unwell or isolating

- If your child is unwell and displays any of the following three symptoms: a new continuous dry cough, a fever of 37.8 or higher or a loss of sense of taste or smell, please do not send them to school. They must be kept at home and you must take them for a covid-19 test. You must inform the school office as soon as you receive the result of this test. If the result is negative, your child can come back to school if they feel well enough to do so. If the result is positive, we will liaise with Public Health who will instruct us on the course of action that we must take.
- If a member of your household displays any of the above symptoms, you must keep your child at home until the person with symptoms has tested negative.
- If you are contacted by track and trace and told that your child has been in contact with someone with a confirmed case, your child must stay at home for fourteen days. They do not need to be tested unless they display symptoms.
- If another member of the household has been in contact with a positive case, as long as they are not displaying symptoms, the rest of the household can carry on as normal, therefore any children in the house can attend school.
- In any of the above instances, where your child cannot attend school, work will be available for them on Teams (Y1-Y6) or Tapestry (YR). If you are unsure on how to access this or have forgotten your login details, please contact the school office or e-mail Mrs Gilmour at vgilmour@covs.northants.sch.uk.

Letters and correspondence

From now on, all letters from us will be sent electronically. No paper copies will be sent home. We will send all letters via e-mail so please keep the school office updated if you change your e-mail address. Please make sure that you check your junk folders regularly in case any emails go in there. All letters will also be available to view on the school website in the letters home section.

PE

As we are unable to allow the children to change into their PE kits in school, please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on their PE day (days are listed below). Please can we ask that children wear either a school PE kit or plain t-shirts and jogging bottoms – no large logos. Earrings need to be covered with tape or removed for PE.

P.E. days:

Monday – Year 6

Wednesday – Year 1 & Year 4

Friday – Year 2 & Year 3

Tuesday – Year 5

Thursday – Reception

Star of the week

Star of the week will continue this year although it is not possible for us to have our usual assemblies at the moment. Each week, every teacher selects a star of the week from their class and these children are presented with a wristband and a certificate to take home. Children are selected for their hard work and good behaviour.

Stars of the week for the last two weeks are:

W/C 7th September

Unicorn – Kobi

Pegasus – Andrei

Griffin – Katie

Centaur – Millie

Dragon – Harry P

Phoenix – Eden

W/C 14th September

Pixie - Kai

Unicorn – Harry

Pegasus - Lyla

Griffin - Rhia

Centaur - Mia

Dragon – Charlie

Phoenix - Layla

Well done to all of the children!

School lunches

We are still unable to provide hot food at lunch time but as soon as we are able to, we will let you know. You are able to order packed lunches from Love Food in the usual way or you can provide a healthy packed lunch from home. If you are ordering from Love Food, orders must be placed by midnight the night before you require the meal. Please ensure that if you order a meal and change your mind that you either cancel your booking online or let the school office know before 9am to reduce any food being wasted.

Secondary school applications

If your child is in Year 6, you should have received an e-mail from us this week with details on how to apply for a secondary school place. If you did not receive this, please let the school office know. Applications need to be completed online at **www.northamtonshire.gov.uk/admissions by 5pm on 31st October.**

We will publish information from local secondary schools about open days/evenings shortly.

Primary school applications

If you have a child who is due to start primary school in September 2021, applications are now open and you must apply online at **www.northamtonshire.gov.uk/admissions by 5pm on 15th January 2021.**

Everyone needs to apply for a place so please don't assume that because you have an older sibling in a school that your younger child will automatically be allocated a space.

Uniform

Please make sure that you name all items of your children's uniform. We have had a few items handed in to the school office this week with no names on them. We will do our best to find who they belong to but we would be able to return them quickly if they are named.

Dates for your diary

Despite the current situation, we are planning our full calendar of events for this year, in the hope that we will be able to go ahead with most things. An events calendar is being put together and will be sent out to all parents next week.