

COLDWALTHAM, ST. JAMES' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday Flyer - 18th September 2020

Welcome to the first Friday Flyer of the year! The past two weeks at school have been wonderful; our new reception starters have coped brilliantly and the returning children have quickly taken on board the new arrangements related to Covid-19. We are incredibly proud of the children and are very grateful to parents/carers for your support in helping us to implement the guidelines. As we receive updated guidance and continue to settle back into school life, there may be some changes but we will keep you well-informed about them.

What to do if you think you or your child may have Covid-19

As we progress into the autumn and winter months, it is inevitable that the children and you may begin to develop some of the usual colds and bugs that occur at this time of year. However, at this time, we know that it is of vital importance to be vigilant as to whether any of the symptoms could be an indicator of Covid-19. Therefore, please follow the advice below should you suspect a case.

If you think that you or your child are showing any of the following symptoms:

- **a new, persistent cough;**
- **a temperature over 37.8°;**
- **loss of smell and/or taste,**

you should seek a test for your child or yourself immediately. Your child needs to remain home until you receive the result of the test; if the test is negative, your child can immediately return to class. **If you choose not to seek a test for your child, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days and members of their household for 14 days.**

If your child has a cold with symptoms such as a runny nose and fatigue, they are still able to come to school if you think they can manage the school day.

Communication with the school and staff

Communication between parents/carers and the school is immensely important and we recognise that, due to Covid-19 arrangements, it can be frustrating being unable to pop into the Office or quickly stop and talk to your child's teacher at the school gates. We appreciate all your efforts in using the class emails to raise concerns with class teachers in the first instance and emailing/phoning the Office with wider queries.



The School Office is staffed between the hours of 8:30am and 3:30pm; if you phone between those hours, there will be usually be a member of staff who can speak to you and answer questions. However, outside of these hours, if there is no-one available, please email your child's class teacher, if it is class-related; if the matter is for the Office, please leave a message on the answerphone or email the School Office address where your enquiry will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Please may we remind you that attempting to contact any member of staff through social media (such as Facebook, Twitter or Instagram) is not permitted and is in breach of our Social Media Policy. A copy of this can be found in the 'Policies' section of the school website. If you need to speak to any member of staff, please ensure it is through the channels outlined above. This is to safeguard the privacy of both staff and yourselves.

Data sheets and consent forms

During the next week, you will be sent out a pack which contains the Data Collection Sheets and the Annual Consent Forms. Once you have filled these in, please return them to the school. *These must be handed directly to your child's class teacher at either drop-off or pick-up time.* Please return the forms by Friday 2nd October, at the latest; we would appreciate them being returned earlier than this if possible.

Possible INSET Day rearrangement

It is possible that the previously published INSET Day of Tuesday 4th May will have to be changed due to the unexpected circumstances that the school found itself in. We will let you know the confirmed date of the final INSET Day as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience regarding this.

School Mosaic

The school mosaic has been completed and is now on display near the main entrance. It looks fantastic.



Reading Challenge

If your child completed the Summer Reading Challenge, please send a photograph of their certificate so we can celebrate their achievement.

School Improvements Over the Summer

Ash Class has had a makeover during the summer and now has lovely new laminate flooring combined with purple carpet. Mrs Brownbill and Mrs Holt have been filling it with lovely new equipment and resources for the children to play and learn with.

There has also been some new outdoor play equipment purchased which the children are enjoying using during learning and free play.



Staff News



It is great news that Mr Jonny Mott is now a member of St James' staff and he will continue with his inspirational music teaching at school every Thursday morning. Lessons have sometimes been taking place outside during this lovely weather which means the children are able to sing and take a full part in the lessons. A decision will be made shortly about which instrument the children in years 2-6 will be learning this academic year.



Around the School Photos

The school grounds are looking beautiful at the moment with small autumnal changes beginning to happen. We are very blessed to have such a charming and idyllic setting in which to be working and playing.



Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Martin
Head of School

Important Dates for your diary:

Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th October 2020	Half Term
Thursday 24 th September	Elm Class - Forest School starts
Monday 2 nd November 2020	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 3 rd November	Flu vaccinations (nasal spray) for Reception to Year 6. Consent forms and further information to follow.
Friday 18 th December 2020	Last Day of Autumn Term
Monday 4 th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 5 th January	First Day of Spring Term – Children return to School
Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th February 2021	Half Term
Thursday 1 st April 2021	Term Ends
Monday 19 th April 2021	Term Starts
Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2021	Half Term