



Newsletter

September 2020

Welcome back!

We are so delighted to have the children back in school and have had a good first few days as you can see...



Playtime photobombing!



Burton Class PE



Selecting toys from the clean box



On a treasure hunt



Naming flowers in the garden

The children have all been wonderful and enjoyed a different kind of structure to their day from the long days of lockdown and how life at school was beforehand. The classrooms are filled with happy voices, friendships being made or rekindled and a general sense of settling in. We have lots of lovely things planned, all based around getting the children outside as much as possible. We also have an extensive Catch-up curriculum planned in parallel with our outdoor activities.

Firstly, **thank you** for being so good with our new timings and procedures – it has been such a change and your help has made everything run smoothly. The staggered arrival and collection times have helped with parking so far and sticking strictly to the times has worked well.

I would like to introduce **Miss Wells** our new Reception, Year one assistant. Miss Wells has completed a Primary Education degree in Cardiff where she played for the Cardiff Met Women's football team. She has been working with us in the summer to help Burton Class be "Autumn ready" – welcome Miss Wells!

Our **curriculum this term** is based around our whole school topic – Going Places. Here are samples of the Autumn term curriculum – full details will be on our website shortly.

Seatown Class will be using Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo as a key text. They will be studying the explorers in history, travel to space in science and in PE looking at their own "healthy journey".

Cogden Class will be looking at the hemispheres, the Equator and tropics, keeping our body healthy and strengths, skills and interests in PSHE. They will be using the key text The Firemaker's Daughter by Philip Pullman which is based on a journey theme.

Burton class – will be looking at aerial maps, field work, countries and capitals and seasons. They will be using the texts: Rosie's walk, Oi! Get off the Train!, Going Places and How to catch a star.

For the **outdoor activities**, children are doing the Daily Mile, wellbeing sessions with our Forest School leader Clare, Forest School either in the grounds or at the woods, PE twice a week including archery for the Year 1s-6s, outdoor lessons when the weather is kind and of course playtimes. Children play in their class bubbles and will rotate the area in which they play on a weekly basis so that all get to use the Trim Trail equipment and visit the quiet garden etc. Play equipment like hockey sticks, stilts, bats and balls are all dipped in Milton after each individual use and then air dried for the next user – the children have all understood this quickly and have great fun at playtime!

We have made many changes with regard to Covid-19 and **safety in school** so I wanted to share these with you so that you are aware of your child's day:

- 🛡️ We have a one-way system with each class entering the building at different points,
- 🛡️ there is an extra sink in each classroom to ensure regular handwashing,
- 🛡️ children stay in their seats 1M apart, for the indoor lessons (not Reception class),
- 🛡️ adults retain 2M distance where possible and for the main part of the day – lessons are delivered using technology including visualisers, Airplay from Minimacs, individual maths work books are used, reduced reliance on paper.
- 🛡️ all equipment used by the class is Milton dipped and air dried until next use.
- 🛡️ chairs tables and other high use points are cleaned with a weak solution of bleach after each session and especially before eating,
- 🛡️ toilets are cleaned after use by each class and individually if a child uses the toilet outside their class time,

- 🍷 Lunches are collected via a one-way system from the Hut and then brought back to classes where children all eat their lunch together.

Playtimes are:

Burton Class (including Chesil) 10.10 – 10.30

Seatown and Cogden 10.30 – 10.50 in separate areas ie. Classes will rotate where their playtime will be – either on the playground or up in the garden with the Trim Trail.

We work in toilet visits in between!

If in the unfortunate event of a class bubble closure (if a child or adult within the class has reported a positive case and we have been advised to close by Public Health England), for **remote learning**, we will be delivering a mixture of live online lessons and then lesson packs emailed through as before. These might include BBC Bitesize, Oak Academy and Purple Mash.

I have attached a Behaviour Policy addendum relating to C-19 which I would like to be aware of.

Please do get in touch with any queries or concerns, we are very happy to help.

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