



Friday, 22nd October, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great delight I can write this letter as we come towards the end of our first half term to not only reflect on the fantastic start to the school year but to share some exciting plans with you too.

Firstly, I thank you all for your continued support in keeping everyone safe since returning in September with less restrictions in place for Covid and how grateful we are to everyone doing their best to look out for symptoms and get tested quickly. I'm sure this has resulted in the zero school transmission that we have experienced to date (still said with fingers crossed that continues!).

Attendance yesterday was 97% (not including COVID related absence), overall for the half term it is 95% (and that includes COVID related absence). This is higher than the national picture for attendance and other schools locally, huge thank you and please keep this up now so we can always stay above national.

Increasing the range and understanding of vocabulary through reading, speaking and listening in everything we do is the main area for improvement in our school this year (We have posted a visual version of this year's school development plan online for you). The children have all been working super hard in all lessons to meet the Vocab challenge in all areas of the curriculum, they have learnt lots of new words linked to moral values too and we have all enjoyed and learnt a great deal about words in action from the variety of wonderful visitors and visits that have already taken place this half term. From Paul Sturgess and his messages about being yourself and aiming high, to the RAF STEM workshops supporting our future engineers, to the deep and thoughtful reflections of life in the past from our children's visits to a variety of museums.

In terms of reflection, I think this must be the first of our letters to you for so long that isn't all about Covid and it's wonderful to be able to return to more normality and talk about everyday and future school events – it's such a good feeling, I hope you are feeling it too.

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## **New for Next half term →**

### **Personal Tuition**

- One to one and small group personal tuition before and after school – we aim to provide extra tuition for as many children as possible this year.
- The sessions will be 2 or 3 times a week for a 5 week block.
- This will be free of charge but it is vital that your child attends if invited as to not waste the time and funding that could be taken up by children who will use it.
- You will receive a personal letter with the exact information as soon as possible from your teacher. Please contact school for any further information.

### **Before & After school provision and extracurricular clubs**

- After school care club will start from Tuesday 2nd November 3pm – 6pm (term time only until Spring 2022) [click here for the after school care club booking form](#) - £7.50 per day
- Breakfast care club continues from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 7.30am - £3.50 per day (pre-booking not necessary).
- Both care clubs will be in the youth & community centre after half term (entrance opposite May Street Chippy)
- A variety of extra-curricular clubs will start from Monday to Thursday 3pm – 4pm and Friday 8am. These will begin on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November– [Click here for the extra curricular clubs form](#) – all free of charge

Please note school opens on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November after the half term holidays.

Please try and join your child's class on dojo if you haven't already, this will help to keep you up to date with everything and you get to share lots of photos and videos of the children working in their lessons. If you need help to do this just let us know, we are always here and happy to help you with anything.

Have a lovely half term break filled with family fun and friendship.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Peters.  
(Headteacher)

Mrs Wright  
(Head of School)

