



Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Families

What a wonderful autumnal week it has been! The weather becoming wetter and windier has not dampened the spirits around the school where we have all been able to appreciate our beautiful surroundings and look in awe and wonder at how our gorgeous playground view looks beautiful in every season!

This week also saw us safely, in a socially distanced way, welcome some visitors to the school - CAP UK. Every class experienced workshops on how to keep themselves 'SAFE, STRONG and FREE'! Our visitors were hugely impressed with the behaviour of the children and how well they engaged with all of the sessions - they can't wait to come back again!

In preparation for possible individual or bubble isolations or a full lock down, the teachers have been continuing to teach the children about Google classrooms. I encourage you all to ensure that you visit this platform with your child so that, if we face these challenges, you are in the best possible position to make a smooth transition to remote learning. Please contact the teachers if you have any issues, if we are not sure how to resolve it, we are lucky to have many 'Google Classroom Experts' in the Trust who we can call on for support.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L. Garside'.

Miss Garside
Executive Head

Parents' Evening Years 1-6

This term Parents' Evenings will be held on Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st October. Due to the current Covid restrictions, these will be held virtually through your child's Google Classroom account if you are in Years 1-6. Here are some instructions to explain what you will need to do/expect

1. As usual, Mrs Brodie will set up the online signing up system for you to log in to Eduspot and sign up for an appointment time. Look out for the email / text message notifying you that the system is open for this on Monday.
2. The system will be closed at midday on Friday 17th October.



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3. On the day of the appointment which you have signed up for (either Monday 19th or Wednesday 21st October) you will be sent a Google meet code which will allow you to join the meeting.
4. At your appointment time, login to your child's lapsw account, click on the Google meet app and join the meeting using the Google meet code.
5. Meetings will need to be kept to a strict 10 minute time limit. When the teacher is ready for you they will admit you to the room. They will not do this until the previous parents have left the meeting

Parents' Evening - Nursery and Reception Children

Due to restrictions, Parents Evening will be virtual but through either a phone call or facetime. We will ask you to use the Eduspot system to sign up for an appointment as the other year groups, you will then be contacted to see which form of communication you would prefer.

Individual Support Plans for Children with Additional Needs

If your child has an Individual Support Plan (ISP), these will not be discussed at Parents' Evening. Teachers will use parents evening to discuss with you how your child has settled in and what is going well or what they need to work on.

There will be an additional opportunity for you to discuss your child's specific additional needs in the week beginning 9th November, where your child's ISP will have been updated and shared with you.

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Huge thanks to our new committee who have already been busy behind the scenes considering new and innovative ideas which embrace our 'new normal'. Please keep an eye out for news of events and competitions.

School Photos

Just a reminder that our school photos are rescheduled for next Monday, 12th October. As before, it will only be individual photos this time due to Covid restrictions and they will be taken within the school day, so no need to make the annual early dash to school!

Coast and Country Calendar Competition

Coast and Country Cottages have invited our children to participate in an exciting competition for their next year's calendar. Each school has been allocated a month to submit designs for and we were lucky enough to get December! Our Christmas excitement can start now! The children have made a start on their entries this week and we can't wait to see what they produce. The lucky winner will receive £30 of book vouchers. Each child's design will be sent to Coast and Country Cottages to be entered into the competition to be the winning design for December. If you do not want your child's design to be entered please let the Academy Office know.