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School Gateway

Please don't forget to download and start to use the School Gateway app and **save the school a lot of money!** Currently only a handful of parents have downloaded the app – making it difficult for us to text and e-mail effectively! This app is free to download and use and gives you a range of information about your child. If you need any help with putting it on your device, please speak to Mrs Massey in the school office!



Welcome Back

We were absolutely delighted to welcome all children back to school this week. As parents, you have done a wonderful job of keeping your children educated during a very difficult time. Even if you felt that you didn't do a good job – remember that you needed to keep your children safe at home, which is what you did! The children have come back with confidence and a desire to get straight back into routine! We also had a visit from BBC South East for the news!



This week we have been studying a whole school text class Flotsam – ask your children what it is about and they will share it with you! We are looking forward to showing you the English and Art that they have produced as a result of this!

Next week we will be having an in-school Science week and Mrs Norsworthy and Mrs Daniel have planned a wonderful week full of exciting activities. Look out on Twitter for lots of photos of this!

If you feel your child has struggled coming back to school, please do speak to their class teacher or ask the Office to put you in touch with Mr Harris. Mr Harris is our pupil support worker and works closely with children supporting their emotional and mental well-being in all year groups.

School Environment

Whilst we haven't been able to have you in school this year, a lot has gone on that we can't wait to share with you when we can! Both halls and the office have all been redecorated by Mr Surry. In addition to this, the art studio and Book Nook have been created and are wonderful spaces for the children to use. Sapphire Class has a new outside area to enjoy and Topaz have moved into the old Sapphire area for some much needed outside space.

Classrooms and central areas have been decluttered and cleared and allow the children a calm environment to learn in. It is totally transformed and we can't wait to share it with you!

School Uniform

Now that the school environment is looking so smart, we want to make sure that the children match it! Please continue to ensure that children are wearing full school uniform with black school shoes – not trainers. There should be no bows in hair and hair should be tied back with a hair band or alice band in the school colours. Please do not be upset if your child is asked to take their bows out of their hair and bring them home. We are starting to wind down the uniform that we hold at school and all uniform will be sold online through Brigade Clothing. A link can be found on the school website – they offer a fantastic service!



COVID Arrangements

Thank you to everyone that has supported us with the changes we have made. We feel this has much improved the systems we have in school and made everyone feel much safer. If you have any other suggestions or feedback, please do let Mr Hulme or Miss Cooper know!



Miss Cooper know!

Please follow these very simple instructions:

- Arrive at the correct time at the start and end of the day;
- Wear a face-covering unless you are exempt;
- Follow the one-way system.

New Starters – Reception 2021

We had a record number of families apply for spaces in September 2021 which we are delighted about! Please continue to share the news that the school has spaces in all year groups. We would love to fill our empty seats!

Celebration Worship

Class	Shining Light	Lunchtime Light
Sapphire	Brooklyn W	Paige S
Topaz	Whole Class	Jake B
Crystal	Danny McD	Elsie M
Diamond	Archie D	Roman B
Emerald	Johnny M	Henry R
Amethyst	Robert G	Gemma C

'Let your light shine' Matthew (5)

