



# Harvey Road School News

## Newsletter 2

2nd October 2020

### **Thank you**

I wanted to start by thanking all parents for the support you have given to the changes that have been put in place due to the coronavirus pandemic. From masks on the school grounds to one way systems, the school will continue to look a little different for a good while to come, but the understanding and in particular support you are showing teachers is wonderful and much appreciated. Thank you too to those families who have kept children at home due to possible coronavirus symptoms. I know there have been some very frustrating waits to get tested and obtain the results. Informal reports are suggesting that the testing system is working much better now so I am hoping there will not be a recurrence of such difficulties.

I am very proud of our year 5 class and the resilience they have shown returning to school after their period of self-isolation – we really missed them! This was not an easy thing for them so close to the start of term. I hear the golden time radio show organised by their parents was a big highlight of their week. A big thank you to Mr Orgill for putting this together for the class.

### **Parent Consultations**

Following further advice from the authorities, I have made the decision that Parent Consultations this month will not be able to take place in person. This is disappointing but I must prioritise the health of teachers and the school community. Every parent will be given the opportunity for a 10 minute phone call with the class teacher to discuss how your child has settled back to school, how they are progressing and any concerns you may have. If you find you require longer than this, then you will be given a further phone call at a different time. Appointment times will need to be pre-booked and the booking system will go live on Parentmail towards the end of next week.

### **School uniform**

Please make sure your child is adequately dressed for the colder weather. As we are having to keep all doors and windows open for ventilation, the school is cooler than it normally would be.

### **New staff**

I am delighted to welcome 5 new members of staff. Mrs S Collins, Miss Messam, Miss Smith, Mrs Khatoon and Mrs Perry are part of our expanded Midday Supervisory team, providing support to children at lunch and on the playground.

### **Nasal Flu vaccinations**

These are taking place for year reception to 6 on 12<sup>th</sup> October and 17<sup>th</sup> November. We do not know how the immunisation team will allocate which children to which day but everyone who has returned their form indicating they want the vaccine will receive it.

### **Morning snacks**

Just a reminder that all children in reception, 1 and 2 are provided with a piece of fruit of vegetable for morning break and should not be bringing in their own snack. For Key stage 2, children are allowed to bring in a small snack for morning break but it should be a healthy snack, containing no chocolate or nuts/seeds.

### **Harvest assembly**

We will be filming our Harvest assembly next week to send out to parents. Please do ensure you have responded to the Parentmail request for consent to include your child in this. If we have not heard back from you by Monday, they will not be able to take part.

### **School clubs after half term**

Just to confirm that only outdoor clubs will be running after school for the rest of the term. This will be archery, football and multi-sports. We hope that all other clubs may be back in the Spring term.

### **Parent Governors**

Finally, a reminder that the deadline to put your name forward in the parent governor election is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. All the details can be found under Parentmail forms.

Kind regards  
N Rowlands  
Headteacher

### **Some great science work taking place this week:**

