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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back

The start of a new school year is always such an exciting time and with it brings a chance for a fresh start and a fresh challenge. Once again, the children have already impressed us so much with their eagerness to get back into the school routine and it was an absolute pleasure to see them coming in today with smiles on their faces. I appreciate that not all children may have been keen to get out of bed and get ready for school today, but well done to all of you for getting them to school on time and looking so smart. Now it's time to keep the year going as well as it has started!

Keeping Everyone Safe in School

Whilst I don't want to create additional anxiety about Covid-19, it is important that I share with you what our current plans are to keep everyone in school as safe and well as possible.

- Children will no longer be in bubbles but classes will still spend break and lunch times separate. We found this to be better, so we have kept it!
- Likewise, we are continuing with children coming to school in their PE kit when it is their PE day. We will review this termly.
- As it is good hygiene practice, we will be regularly discussing and enforcing the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' message around our school.
- We will also continue with regular handwashing throughout the day.
- We will keep the corridors and classrooms ventilated whilst ensuring the environment is comfortable for both staff and children.
- We are continuing with having two different entry points in the morning and also expecting parents to keep children with them on the playground. This has helped all children come in to school calmly and ready to learn, so we would appreciate your continued support!
- We will continue to immediately isolate and send home children with symptoms of Covid-19 so that they can take a PCR test. We would ask that parents have this administered within 24 hours and inform of us of the result as soon as possible. We no longer need to send other children home because of positive cases, but we do have to report each one to Lincolnshire Health.



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All of the above measures are based on the current guidance from the DfE and local government, taking our school, staff and children into account. If you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak with myself.

School Organisation

Hopefully the following will answer any questions you may have:

Willow Class Miss Bates (class teacher), Mrs Craft (TA)
Reception and Year 1

Maple Class Miss Cook (class teacher), Mrs Bills (TA 1:1), Miss Kaye (TA 1:1), Mrs Quadling (TA)
Year 2 and Year 3

Oak Class Mrs Baxter (class teacher), Mrs Dempsey (TA 1:1), Miss Kaye (TA 1:1), Miss Thomson (TA)
Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Miss Gunter has changed her name to Miss Kaye.

Mrs Greenacre (TA) supports children with interventions every afternoon.

Miss Pycock is the SENDCo and is available every Thursday.

Mrs Bills (Maple), Mrs Croft (Oak) and Mrs Dicker (Willow) are the midday supervisors.

If you have any questions about your child, please refer these to the class teacher in the first instance.

PE

Oak Class – Wednesday

Maple Class – Thursday

Willow Class – Friday

As children will be outside for PE, please ensure that they wear appropriate clothing for the weather that is forecast.

Information about swimming for Maple and Oak classes has been sent out in a separate letter. Please inform the office if you have not received this.



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Timings

8:45-8:55	School doors open
8:55	Registration
9:00	Lessons start
12:10-1:10	Lunch time
3:05	Willow Class leave school
3:10	Maple and Oak classes leave school

Clubs

Unfortunately, we are not in the position at the moment to offer as many clubs as we did previously due to a lack of available coaches. You will have the clubs letter shortly. If not, contact the office. If you know of any local organisations that would be interested in running an after school club, please let us know as it may be we can work in partnership with them to offer our children a wider choice of clubs and experiences.

Dates

Jeans for Genes day – 14/09/2021

Parents Evenings – 19/10 + 20/10

Harvest Festival at the church – 21/20 (TBC)

Remembrance Service at the church – 11/11 (TBC)

Willow Class Nativity – 14/12 + 15/12

Christingle Service at the church – 17/12 (TBC)

Maple Class Assembly – Spring Term (TBC)

Easter Service at the church – 31/1 (TBC)

Sports' Day – 5/7

Oak Class Performance – 12/7 + 13/7

Leavers' Trip – 20/7 (TBC)

Leavers' Assembly – 21/7

Trophy Assembly at the village hall – 22/7 (TBC)

Please check the website and weekly newsletter for any changes to dates and new events. PTFA events for the year to follow.



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We will be taking part in Jeans for Genes day next Tuesday 14th September. We are asking for a contribution of £1. Your child can wear jeans for the day but please wear the school polo shirt and jumper. It is not a non uniform day as such.

Teamwork

I appreciate this has been a long newsletter, but I know that our parents prefer to have as much information as they can about their children's education. One of the great strengths of Surfleet Primary School is the way we all work together to provide the best opportunities we can for our children. I am looking forward to another year where I have no doubt that we can all pull together to the benefit of every single child.

Thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards



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