

Back to school Newsletter

August 28th 2020

Key Dates

DIY Day:

10am-2pm
Saturday 29th August 2020

Uniform Sale:

10am-12am
Friday 4th September 2020

Back to school:

Monday, 7th September 2020

Curriculum meetings:

Reception: 4pm, Mon 21/09/2020
Year 1: 4pm, Mon 14/09/2020
Year 2: 4pm, Thurs 10/09/2020
Year 3: 4pm, Fri 11/09/2020
Year 4: 4pm, Tues 15/09/2020
Year 5/6: 4pm, Weds 16/09/2020

Parents' Evening:

29th-30th September 2020

FoJKPS Meeting:

8:00-8:30pm
Tuesday, 15th September 2020

Early Reading Meeting:

4pm, Mon 05/10/2020

Art Gallery:

14th and 15th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a restful holiday; the teachers and I are all raring to welcome the children back! The school has been deep-cleaned and, with the help of some keen parents, spruced up a little.

I thought it would be sensible to send you a letter before we start, so that you can book key dates into your calendar, refresh yourself with the details of our Covid-19 risk assessment and remind you of priorities for upcoming term.

I apologise in advance for the length of this letter, but it does contain important information so please do read it carefully.

School Starting

All parents and carers must ensure that they have read and understood the arrangements that the school has put in place for September.

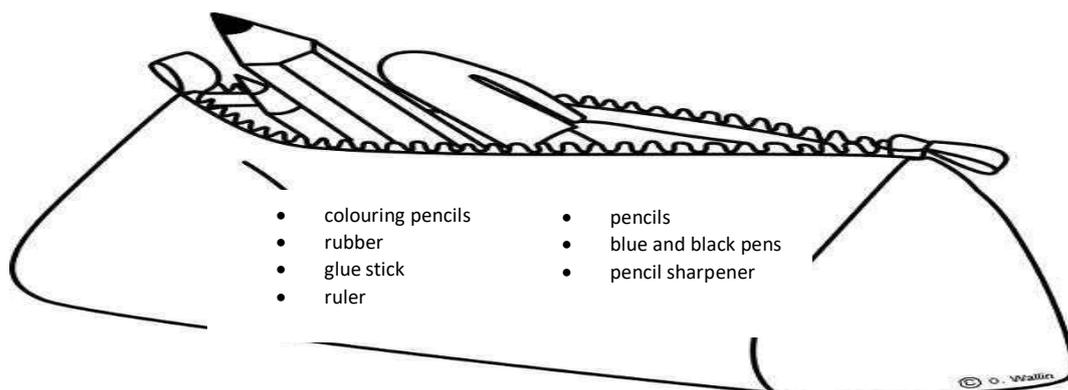
Please look at the attached letter and map, so that you know what time to drop your child off and when to collect. I must reiterate once you have dropped your child off, you must depart immediately. As lovely as it will be to see one another again, alas, school cannot be the place for social catchups.

Although I'm sure this doesn't need any explanation, for reasons around the Covid-19 situation, curriculum, reading and parent teacher meetings all will be held virtually this term.

Pencil Cases

As stated in our end of year letter, we ask that all children bring in a pencil case (containing the items listed below) to school. This

obviously limits the sharing and movement around the classrooms.



Indoor and Outdoor Shoes

Over the holidays with the help of our new Reception parents and the Friends, we have created a new woodland area for the children to use. As you may be aware our fantastic outdoor spaces can get



rather muddy, and given the fact that we want the children to spend more time outside learning and playing, we ask that **all children have a pair of both indoor and outdoor shoes**. This could be a pair of slippers and wellington boots and can be left at school or taken to and from school. **Please remember to name them.**

Lost Property

From now on we will put any misplaced or lost uniform on the rack on the decking area outside the main school office. Whilst Covid-19 arrangements are in place, the rack will be brought forward to the drop off collection area at the relevant times. It goes without saying that labelling your child's uniform makes their and our lives much easier. We cannot be responsible for any unlabelled items of uniform or other belongings. Additionally, you can now support the school whilst labelling by purchasing labels or name tags from:

www.stikins.co.uk (use 36148) and www.MyNametags.com (use 104964)

Second Hand uniform Sale

Thank you to all the parents who took home our unwanted uniform and washed and ironed it. On Friday 4th September, the Friends will be holding a uniform sale, the proceeds of which will go to our library. Please remember to wear a mask, be mindful of social distancing, if you arrive and it looks too busy, why not go for a coffee (this would be the obvious opportunity for some paid advertising here) and come back in five minutes. As a part of our second-hand uniform sale, we will be exchanging wellington boots, so please feel free to bring any outgrown boots, pegged together with shoe size written on the peg and bring into school on Friday.

Afterschool Care

As has been laid out in my earlier letter, **we will not be providing extra curricular clubs for the foreseeable future**. We are providing after school childcare (in year group bubbles) with activities attached. Please be mindful that these are not set in stone and are subject to change. Please remember to sign up and pay for childcare provision days that you need on Schools Buddy (the letter went out in the first week of the holidays), please be mindful that in light of Covid this is all quite different and we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. This has all gone live, and if you need some assistance please email Charlotte in the office.

Curriculum Meetings

Each year group will be hosting a virtual curriculum meeting where your child's class teachers will explain your child's learning topic for the coming term, who the key adults in class are, when P.E. takes place and how to complete the home learning tasks. Please make sure to attend these meetings so that you can familiarise yourself with what is happening with your child's year group. Also, as these sessions will be virtual, look out for invitations and please remember to turn off your microphones. If you have any questions, these can be posted and the teachers will endeavour to answer them.

Fundraising

As you may be aware each year we have different priorities: this year we are looking to create a library, develop our outdoor spaces and improve our German provision. In order to achieve these priorities, fundraising is integral - a letter will be shortly going out explaining how we intend to do this and how you as parents can help. Central to our fundraising is the Friends of Judith Kerr Primary School (FoJKPS), our parent association. We would like to hold a meeting in September to explain the work that the Friends do and how you can get involved. As a school we feel it is important that the mantle of fundraising gets passed along to our newer parents so that everybody can be involved with improving our school.

Library

We will be contacting you shortly with news about the fundraising and plans for the new school library.

Concerns and Queries

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please email the office and they will forward this to them. Teachers can then either meet you socially distanced outside or telephone you.

Please note that last term, parents were encouraged to contact teachers directly via email. This is not a usual procedure and came about purely because of the remote learning situation. We would like to state that teacher emails should no longer be used by parents. All communication between teachers and parents must go through the school office using the admin@judithkerr.anthemtrust.uk email address. Please note that this is a new address.

Sorry to bombard you with so much information all at once, but I would like us all to be ready to hit the ground running on the 7th September.

I look forward to seeing you all then.

Take care

Jo



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