

Dear All

We are very excited about the prospect of having all the children to return to school, and the teachers are working hard to ensure as smooth a transition back as possible. We will have the same structure as we had in the Autumn 1 term and I've included the table of drop off and pick up times as a reminder. Again, can we ask that all adults are masked (unless exempt) and to follow social distancing where possible.

Afterschool care will resume to its Autumn schedule. I have attached the letter detailing the provision, should you wish to enrol your child.

When the children return, we are hoping to informally assess them so that we can once again work out their needs and plan accordingly. It goes without saying we are mindful that the scope of the children's experiences has been wide and varied and we will hold this at the forefront of our planning and preparation. The teachers have temporarily 'paused' the curriculum so the children can re-join together. A strong emphasis will be placed on settling back into school, reconnecting with one another, relearning routines and developing resilience.

I would also like to take this moment to commend all of you who have educated your children at home through this pandemic. I know that it has been far from easy; in my house I acknowledge that I have the easier job of leaving the house each day with my son and my partner left to 'get going' with the home learning. I know if the situation had been reversed, I would not have coped as well. I also know that the situation feels unfair that some children are in school getting on with the learning and social development whilst others are at home struggling with the situation. Thankfully, there is only a week left before we can all return to classroom learning and some semblance of 'normality'.

World Book Day

This year on the 4th March, we will be encouraging children both in school and those at home to create their own audio or video clips of their favourite stories. These can be in German or in English and we then want to upload these to our new website (more information to come at a later date) as a means of celebrating reading and a resource for our community to use. Please tune into this week's assembly for further information.

We have chosen to delay our dressing up day to the following week, as all children will be in school: Friday 12th March.

We will have a book swap, listen to the teachers read their favourite stories in English as well as German. We also will have our 'massive book swap' (we have all the resources from last year- no need to elaborate about why that didn't happen). So, for the mere price of £2.00, your child can dress up and choose books of their liking to take home. Money made from this event will go to buying even more books for our library and topic boxes.

Parent Teacher Evening

Please pencil in your diaries, Tuesday 30th March as parent teacher evening. We will confirm this closer to the time and ask that closer to the time that you book a slot in SchoolsBuddy. We feel that all children would have been back for three weeks and we can discuss their progress and any concerns that you may have. It goes without saying that meetings will not be face to face.

Transition to Secondary School Forum

Just a confirmation that this will be taking place online at 5pm on Thursday, 4th March. Please keep your eyes peeled for the login details which are being sent out next week.

| Year Group | Start Time | Collection |
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| Reception | 8:45-9:00 | 3:00 |
| Year 1 | 8:45-9:00 | 3:15 |
| Year 2 | 8:45-9:00 | 3:15 |
| Year 3 | 8:35-8:45 | 3:25 |
| Year 4 | 8:35-8:45 | 3:25 |
| Year 5/6 | 8:25-8:35 | 3:30 |



German Word of the Week

Our inaugural word of the week is:

WELTSCHMERZ

"a feeling of world weariness (in the philosophical sense)"

Anyone else feeling a little 'weltschmerz'? Frühling couldn't come soon enough this year! Enjoy the sunshine!

Hundred Reads

Well done to Vihaan, Clarissa, Anika, the two Zoe's (G and Barker), Tess, Dylan, Elliot, Arik and Felix for hitting 100 reads.

