

# Newsletter



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18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Start and Finish Times

As you are aware and in line with government guidance, we are staggering start and finish times to the day to ensure year groups do not mix and to allow additional social distancing between the adults on site. For that reason, it is important that pupils do not arrive at school until their allocated start time and are not collected until their allocated finish time. If pupils and parents arrive too early for drop off / collection, then this compromises the health and safety of our school community as the paths and queuing areas are not large enough to ensure adults can maintain a 2m distance between each other. An overview of the start and finish times that need to be adhered to are detailed here:

| Year Group | Start Time | Finish Time                                           |
|------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Nursery    | 8.45am     | 3.15pm unless pupils are accessing half day sessions. |
| Reception  | 9.00am     | 3.15pm                                                |
| Year 1     | 8.45am     | 3.00pm                                                |
| Year 2     | 9.00am     | 3.15pm                                                |
| Year 3     | 8.45am     | 3.00pm                                                |
| Year 4     | 8.45am     | 3.00pm                                                |
| Year 5     | 9.00am     | 3.15pm                                                |
| Year 6     | 9.00am     | 3.15pm                                                |

***Please note, all children from the same family can be dropped off at the time of the earliest child. They can also be collected at the time of your latest child.***

As you are aware, a member of staff is present on each entrance door to welcome pupils in the morning. I would like to remind parents to only stop and pass on messages to the adults on the door, if absolutely necessary. This is because it is difficult for staff to maintain a 2m distance from parents, and it causes queues for other parents waiting to drop off their children. However, our ethos of an 'open door policy' very much remains. If you would like to speak to your child's classteacher, please phone or email the office or write a message in your child's Home-Link book (Year 1 – Year 6 only) and your child's teacher will contact you by phone. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Forthcoming Dates:



### Week beginning

### 21st September 2020 – Menu week 1.

w/c 21st September – Art entries to be brought into school this week.

w/c 28<sup>th</sup> September – After School / Evening Zoom calls with new classteachers (*Reception to Year 6 only.*)

2nd October - Individual Photographs – Tempest Photographers

w/c 5th October - Afternoon / After School Zoom calls for Nursery parents

8th October – Flu Vaccination day (Reception to Year 6)

8th October – Evening Zoom calls for Nursery parents  
6.00pm – 8.00pm

14th, 15th, 16th, 19th and 20th October – Year 6 Bikeability (*More details to follow. Covid-19 protective measures will be adhered to.*)

16th October – Sibling Photographs – Tempest Photographers

22nd October - School Closes for Half Term

23rd October - School Closed for Staff Training INSET Day

*Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.*

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## Parent Meetings with New Classteachers

To make an appointment to meet with your new child's classteacher, virtually, via the Zoom app, please ensure you have followed the link you have been sent (via email or your mobile phone), to book your appointment online at a time convenient for you. The virtual meetings for pupils in Reception to Year 6 will take place during the week beginning 28th September.

The online booking service is available to access until **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm**. If you do not have internet access, it is still possible to make an appointment through the school office; please ring and discuss this with a member of the office staff who will book an appointment for you.

### The Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme

Today, parents of pupils in Reception to Year 6 have been sent home an E-Consent letter and Flu Information Leaflet, explaining why all primary school aged children are being offered the flu vaccine. This vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year. Please ensure that you complete and submit your child's consent form promptly, whether you wish your child to be immunised or not. The form is extremely easy to complete however, if you have any concerns or would like to discuss the vaccination programme further, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Immunisation Team on 03001240366 or email [schools.immunisations@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:schools.immunisations@mpft.nhs.uk) Please be aware that the vaccination day is now taking place on **8th October** and not on 6th November, as originally stated.

### Art Award

During lockdown, families were invited to take part in our annual Arts Award in memory of Caroline Bowers. Due to this year being very different because of Covid-19, we opened the award to several different categories as follows:

- Pupil
- Parent
- Family
- Staff
- Staff and their family.



If your family or child has produced a piece of artwork for our award, please bring it into school during week commencing 21st September and hand it to your child's classteacher. All entries must be labelled clearly with your child's name, year group and classteacher as well as the category that the artwork falls into.

Once we have received all entries, a judging panel will collectively identify one piece of artwork which demonstrates exceptional artistic skill from each of the category entries. All nominations under consideration will eventually be displayed in The Caroline Bowers Art Gallery, and the winning artworks will be framed and will remain on permanent display in our Art Gallery. Once category winners have been identified, I will write to parents again with further details about how the announcement of winners and presentations will be made. We look forward to seeing your individual or family submissions.

### New Reception Families

I would like to take this opportunity to make an especially warm welcome to our new Reception families who joined the Five Ways community this week. I have been very proud of how all of our Reception children have settled into their new classes with their new teachers and Early Years practitioners. Well done everyone!



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