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## 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 – End of Week 4 - Autumn Newsletter #6

Dear parents,

The Year 1 outdoor learning space has finally been completed this week. I know the children and staff can't wait to get out there on Monday and start using it. It also means we will have more space on the grounds to help with social distancing at drop off and collection.

From Monday we are moving to new timings for the start and end of the school day. We have looked carefully at various options and after lots of thought have agreed the below times. To help you with your planning, we anticipate these new times being in place for the long term but at least until the end of 2020.

<b>Drop Off</b> 8.20-8.45 (25 mins) <i>The first time below is when the gates open.</i> <i>The second time is when lessons start.</i>	<b>Collection</b> 2.40-2.55 (15 mins)
Breakfast Club 7.45-8.45	After School Club 2.40-5.40
YR 8.20 - <b><u>8.30</u></b>	YR 2.40
Y1 8.20 - <b><u>8.30</u></b>	Y1 2.40
Y2 8.25 - <b><u>8.35</u></b>	Y2 2.45
Y3 8.30 - <b><u>8.40</u></b>	Y3 2.50
Y4 8.30 - <b><u>8.40</u></b>	Y4 2.50
Y5 8.35 - <b><u>8.45</u></b>	Y5 2.55
Y6 8.35 - <b><u>8.45</u></b>	Y6 2.55

We anticipate several improvements:

- It will be easier for those of you with siblings as the gaps between times have been closed.
- There will be no need for sibling care because the maximum possible length of time between drop off and collection will be 15 minutes. For those of you with siblings we

now respectfully ask that you drop off and collect at the times above. If this means walking a loop round school we would really appreciate your support in doing this.

- There will now be less people traffic going the opposite way down the front path. **The front path is for entry only unless we are helping those with disabilities or buggies.** A member of staff will be on duty to support this.
- There will be much less time for older children to be waiting around unsupervised on the pavement at the front of school.
- There will be less people on site which will help with social distancing and less distractions to classes who are still working.
- The best improvement though, is that Mrs Pike and I won't be on the gate for a monster length of time in the winter weather!

Please also note the changes to the Breakfast and After School Clubs.

From Monday we respectfully ask you to wear a face covering when on site dropping off and collecting your children. In school staff will also be using face masks more frequently when out of the classroom if they are in circumstances when they can't social distance. Mrs Pike and I will have our masks on at the gate when we see you. I know children are used to seeing people in masks now but it might be good to prepare them to see adults wearing them more often around school. Teaching staff still won't be using them in the classrooms because it makes communication too difficult. *Something to make you smile: treat your masks like your pants.*

The most important measures we can all do continue to be washing our hands regularly and maintaining good personal hygiene.

If you're looking for some special time just for you, there are [free yoga sessions](#) running every Sunday in October. See *Supporting Families* on our *Wellbeing in Action* page.

Finally, a big shout out to Mrs Blackburn who will be running the new style virtual 40<sup>th</sup> London Marathon this weekend! She's been training for weeks and heads off to do her 26.2 miles round our local area early Sunday morning with her personal Mrs Cosh support crew cycling alongside. It looks like it might be a wet and windy run.

Have a lovely autumnal weekend.



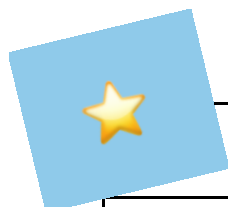
Tim Hughes (Headteacher)

## Attendance Stars –for 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020



**Whole school for last week: 96%** (end year school target is 96%)

**Class star: Rowan Class with 99.3%** - 2 more class stars needed for a Rowan non-uniform day!



### Individual stars of the week...

	Niamh - for an outstanding week filled with enthusiasm, independence and creativity. You must be exhausted after all the Super mover dancing you've been doing as well!
Pine	Abigail- for being so kind and caring this week. She has been using her sign language skills to help others.
Oak	Nevaeh- for a fantastic attitude to learning showing aspiration in her writing and joining in well in our Jigsaw lessons. Well done Nevaeh!
Apple	Genevieve has worked hard on every task she has been given. She listens carefully and tries to use all of her knowledge when completing tasks, well done!
Birch	Mabel - For your wonderful positivity that has a positive effect on everyone around you! Thank you.
Rowan	Charlie - for an incredible attitude to learning showing positivity, resilience and enthusiasm
Cherry	Ruby - for the amazing attitude she has to learning. She truly has an enquiring mind. She asks questions and readily joins in discussions naturally justifying her responses. You are a great learning role model. Well done Ruby.
Hazel	Following our assembly about 'Being Me' George has made a really concerted effort to be the best George he can be! He has worked so hard in class this week and it has had a huge impact on his learning. Well done George.
Willow	Harry F - A massive effort in his learning this week and making good choices for himself.
Holly	Grace - for always being kind and respectful. She recognises the best qualities in other people and always works well with her peers. She is an excellent role model.
Maple	Olivia - for outstanding effort and participation in all lessons. I love how you approach your learning with such an aspirational mindset and persevere when it gets challenging. You are positive and complimentary to others and a joy to have in our class. Well done Olivia!
Hawthorn	Thomas- for your superb effort in all areas of school. You have shared your wonderful ideas in class more frequently, and have pushed yourself to have exemplary presentation. Your polite and friendly manner make you a wonderful member of the class team!