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Friday 5th March

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

Return to School!

As you are aware, all pupils are expected to return to school from Monday 8th March. We are all delighted and looking forward to seeing the all the children again. Some of the notes I gave you last week about physical re-opening are worth leaving in this week's newsletter as a reminder, but essentially the school day will run as normal, with the social distancing and hygiene procedures that we operated with last term continuing to operate.

Start and finish times are as below:

Class	Start Time	Location	Finish Time	Location
Red	8.45	Playground	3.00	Playground
Orange	8.30	Playground	2.50	Playground
Yellow	8.40	Car Park	3.00	Car Park
Green	8.30	Playground	2.50	Playground
Blue	8.45	Car Park	3.00	Playground
Indigo	8.35	Car Park	2.55	Car Park
Violet	8.45	Playground	3.05	Playground
Amethyst	8.35	Playground	2.55	Playground

Full usual school uniform will be required. I appreciate that some children may have grown out of some uniform, so we will be understanding, but please ensure that you follow uniform policy. We normally change from winter uniform to summer uniform at Easter, which is only a few weeks away, so we will return in winter uniform. As the classrooms have windows and doors open to aid ventilation, please make sure that your child is warm enough – we can't expect the weather throughout March to be as beautiful as it is as I write! So, if necessary please make sure they are 'layered up' with enough clothing to keep them warm. We will continue the procedure of asking pupils to attend school in their PE Kits and tracksuits on PE days.

The regulations specify that, up until Easter, we are unable to run any extra-curricular provision, with the exception of wrap around care for working parents. This is subject to review for the Summer Term. If we are able, we will certainly be running a programme of clubs and activities in the Summer Term, as we usually would. For now, let's enjoy being back at school together.

I need to reiterate that social distancing remains essential among our parents and between bubbles. I know that, just like the children, all the adults will be very pleased to see each other again in person. Please make sure that, in your enthusiasm to greet each other, you continue to maintain 2M distancing and minimising contacts. At a meeting with the Head of Public Health earlier in the week, it was made clear

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that the impact of the current lockdown will be diminished by the opening of schools and the increase of vectors of transmission. This is, to an extent, the inevitable and necessary consequence of re-opening, but we still need to do all we can to control infection and protect the vulnerable. So, please take care and continue to follow the rules.

As we finish the (hopefully very last) period of lockdown and home schooling, I'd like to thank all of you for your excellent efforts in making home schooling work. I know that parents have been hugely supportive of your children's learning and have done your level best to make sure that you support the children in their online lessons. For every family there is a different set of circumstances and a different set of stresses, but we can't thank you enough for all you have done.

I'd also like to thank all the teachers and staff for their efforts and professionalism, working hard and thoughtfully to offer the best experience possible for the children. Our staff care very deeply about the children and their well-being and academic progress and I'd like to thank them for their care. Now the children will be back in school we will be assessing where the children are in their learning, planning carefully in our teaching to address any gaps or slippage that has occurred and making the most of every day to ensure that any negative impact of lockdown and distanced learning is not long-lasting.

Book week This week we observed a virtual book week and I know the children enjoyed the activities we planned. The Cliff McNish author sessions on Monday were really engaging and this afternoon we ran out Literary Mastermind competition virtually. A huge thank you and well done to all the children from Y6 who were brave enough to sit in the 'Black Chair' for 2 minutes, answering questions on their chosen author. Our competitors were: Harry, George, Catherine, Lisanne, James, Ruby, Sofia, Emma and Isabelle. At the end of the competition, Harry won with his encyclopaedic knowledge of Cressida Cowell and was awarded the title 'Literary Mastermind 2021'.

Prayer during Lent – Our Gospel for Sunday is John 2: 13-25 TenTen, who we have been using to support our virtual assemblies also have Sunday liturgies for families. You can find this here: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/sunday-liturgy-for-families>

Stars of the week

Congratulation to all our stars of the week:

Class	Stars of the week
RED	All of Red Class have been so marvellous they all need huge praise this week.
ORANGE	Thandi & Alex
YELLOW	Maya & Talia
GREEN	Isabella & Hector
BLUE	Maria & Sophia W
INDIGO	Kimberlie & Kaylie
AMETHYST	Henry & Diego
VIOLET	Frankie & Harry

Birthdays – Happy birthday for this week to:

Eliza in Red Class, Harry in Violet Class, Albert in Yellow Class, Lucas in Blue Class and to Mrs Munn.

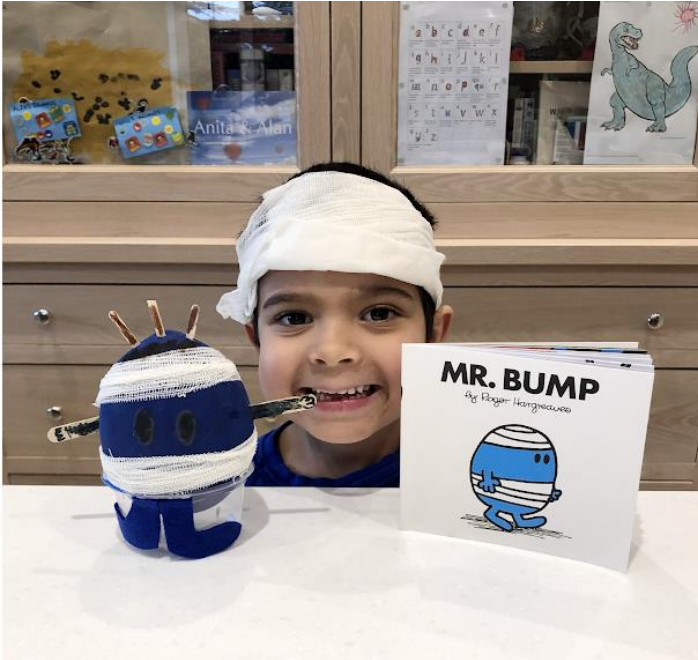
Have a good weekend. We can't wait to see you all next week for full re-opening

God Bless you all.

Mr Mooney & Miss Holloway

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See below for some lovely pictures that the children sent me of their book week dressing up! Thank you and well done everyone.





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Harry in Y6 has just gained merit in his Grade 5 Flute, having to complete his examination virtually. Congratulations Harry!