

Dear Parents / Carers and Children

Welcome to the Autumn Term 2020. It was great to see everyone today – so smart and ready for school. We have had a good first day in our new classes – hopefully we'll all sleep well tonight! Thank you for your support today at drop-offs and pick-ups. Please try and keep to the arranged timings for your child's class. **Thank you**

There are lots of measures in place to ensure everyone's safety in school – please reinforce these with your child by maintaining social distancing when meeting friends after school.

We will not be operating any after school activity clubs this first half term as we are trying not to mix class 'bubbles' and we do not have much space in school. Care Club is operating but numbers are limited so please book well in advance.

We have some sad news to share with you. Families with KS2 children will know that Mrs Dixon, one of our Teaching Assistants, had been unwell for some time. Mrs Dixon passed away at the beginning of the school holidays and will be much missed by her friends in school. The staff have had a 'farewell' together for Caroline (Mrs Dixon) and Mrs Cole (Class R Teaching Assistant) has made a lovely piece of artwork for us to remember Mrs Dixon – it is situated on the outside corner of Class 2 and will be part of the new flower beds we are creating. We have sent condolences to Caroline's partner and daughter on behalf of the school community.

Other staff news

Today in school we welcomed Miss Grounds as our new Class 1 teacher. We hope she will enjoy working with us all. Also this term, I am sharing the Headteacher role with Mr Murray. I will be in school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mr Murray will be in charge on Thursdays and Fridays. We will be flexible so don't be surprised if you see me on the 'wrong' days!

Any concerns

The teachers will work as quickly as possible to get to know their new classes and next week you will be invited to some 'Meet the Teacher' events so that we can share with you information about life in your child's new class. If you have any concerns about your child settling back to school and learning, please do email and we will arrange for you to speak with the class teacher as soon as possible.

Thank you for how smartly the children came back to school today – it really sets the tone for our learning. This term will be different in some of the ways we operate, but our intention that the children are both challenged and supported in class and enjoy their learning is still central to our school.

Kind regards

Julia Carey
Headteacher

Justin Murray
Assistant Headteacher