



FRIDAY NEWCHURCH

19th June 2020



It seemed very appropriate to place this quote at the beginning of the first Friday News after the school closure as it was written in a card given to us by one of our families on the first day of lock down. The quote is one of hope which we have kept with us throughout this challenging time. Thank you to that family as we cannot thank you enough for those words when 'the storm' was brewing. Your act of kindness will never be forgotten. Now, as we start to welcome back our children, the rainbow is beginning to appear and will hopefully become brighter and brighter as time goes on.



This week, we were delighted to start the phasing in of some of our Reception robins. How amazing it was to watch how their smiling faces and tentative footsteps changed into beaming smiles and skips as the week progressed.

Every child has said they have enjoyed being back in school, and the staff have loved every minute. Parents made comments such as:

'It has all run so smoothly.'

'He's like a different child after seeing his friends and being back in a routine.'

'I was apprehensive at first but glad to have her back in school'

We would like to thank those parents who have ensured they kept to the social distancing guidelines and the key drop off and collection times which helped the whole week run so efficiently.

Year 1

Year 1 Preparations

We are now busy preparing for the phasing in of our Year One children who will be welcomed back into school on Monday 29th June. A social story will be placed on the school website aimed at helping parents to prepare their child to return to school following the changes. A reviewed risk assessment has also been uploaded to the website. Both of these documents can be located under the 'School Closure Tab' – Update.

We will be contacting parents of Year 1 children on Wednesday for a firm decision as to whether their child will be joining us on 29th June. It would be appreciated if you are watching out for the phone call to allow us to confirm our groupings by the end of the day. Of course, we respect any parents decision to delay the return of their child and a further, and final, opportunity will be given for return on 6th July.

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**If you have any concerns about Child Protection or Health and Safety,
Please contact school**

Parents who confirm their Year 1 child is returning on 29th June will receive a text with their start and collection times. Any Year 1 children with a sibling in Reception will be considered when setting times to facilitate ease of drop off and collection for parents.



Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 well-being session

We are absolutely thrilled to be able to provide our other year groups (not identified by the government as priority groups) with an opportunity to spend some time in school with their peers before September. Many, many schools are not able to offer this to their children. We really didn't think we would be able to facilitate this when putting the plan together many weeks ago but are delighted to have found a way to do it. We wish it could be more sessions, but something is better than nothing. Please can we ask that you contact school either by phone on 01925 763427 or by email:

newchurch_primary@warrington.gov.uk

no later than 24th June by 3pm if you intend to allow your child to participate in the well-being day so we are able to complete the groupings and inform parents of their drop off and collection times. Again, we will consider siblings in the timings.



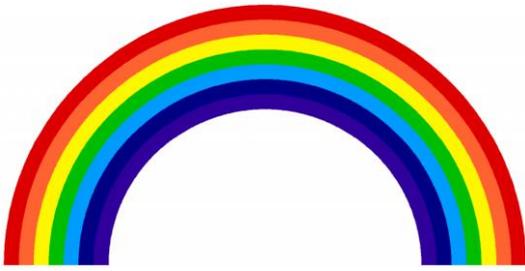
On Wednesday next week, we will be holding our Newchurch Sports Day! As a highlight of the school calendar, we were keen to make sure that this event didn't pass us by. As it is not possible to have the wonderful set up that we would normally have on the school field, we have created a 'Home Sports Day' and made it as inclusive as possible to allow for everyone to take part.

On the morning of Wednesday 24th June, your child will receive a message on the eSchools platform and within the message will be two attachments; One being a PowerPoint presentation which explains everything about the event and the equipment you will need. Rest assured, all of the equipment will be readily available within your homes. The second attachment is a 'recording sheet' where you can record your child's points for each event.

If your child is in school, either as a Reception pupil or a keyworker child, they will take part in the sports' day too. We are confident that you will thoroughly enjoy the challenges and, please feel free to join in with your child!



We have linked out learning project to sport aslo. We hope you enjoy it!



Home learning

A number of parents are contacting us concerned that their children are refusing to complete their learning at home. This half term is always a tricky one for us in school as the children are tired and ready for a break. Usually, we can offset this with things such as Sports' Days, assembly practices and transition days to keep the children motivated.

Unfortunately, you do not have the same capacity to do this in the current circumstances.

We know you are doing the best you can and would suggest that you block the children's learning into small chunks and let them set the timescale and order of learning. We find that by giving the children choice in their learning allows for greater engagement. Give it a try and see. If all else fails you can ring us and we will have a chat with your child. Remember though, that their well-being (and yours) is vitally important.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Jayne Narraway

Useful websites:

<http://happyoksad.warrington.gov.uk/>

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/domestic-abuse>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<https://www.winstonswish.org/>

Date	Action
22.6.20	Year 1 Social Story and reviewed risk assessment uploaded
24.6.20	Year 1 parents contacted regarding return to school
24.6.20	Deadline 3pm for parents of reception children to contact school regarding returning on 29 th June
24.6.20	Deadline 3pm for parents of Y2 – Y5 children to contact school regarding returning week beginning 29 th June
25.6.20	Drop off and collection times texted to parents for Y1-Y5
26.6.20	Social story for Y6 placed on school website with reviewed risk assessment
29.6.20	Y6 parents contacted regarding decision to send child back into school
30.6.20	Drop off and collection times texted to parents for Y1-Y5
30.6.20	Y5 well being sessions
1.7.20	Y4 well being sessions
2.7.20	Y3 well being sessions
3.7.20	Y2 well being session
6.7.20	New home learning uploaded to online platform
6.7.20	Year 6 children return to school (plus any additional Year 1 children)
13.7.20	Phase 2 of Y6 children returning
17.6.20	Summer holidays



