



FRIDAY NEWCHURCH

26th June 2020



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

We are absolutely delighted to be able to offer our other classes the opportunity to come into school next week to take part in our wellbeing sessions. The uptake of these have been very pleasing:

Year 2 – 81%

Year 3 – 70%

Year 4 – 44%

Year 5 – 100%

This will mean that by the end of next week, we will have had 71% of the children returning to Newchurch in some form, with still our Year 6 to welcome back on the 6th July.

Social stories will be posted on the school website by 6pm tonight for each of the classes so parents can prepare their children ahead of their designated day:

Year 5 – Tuesday 30th June

Year 4 – Wednesday 1st July

Year 3 – Thursday 2nd July

Year 2 – Friday 3rd July

Hopefully, all those returning will have received their drop off and collection times. If not, please contact school on Monday. Please can we ask that you keep strictly to the times given as we need to carefully navigate a number of families within a short period of time. Just a reminder to refrain from congregating outside the school gates. Many thanks in advance of your support.



Google Meet

As you know we would like to see all the children return before September but respect the decisions made by our parents. For those who do not wish to return for the wellbeing sessions, we have organised for the class teachers to hold a video conference in small groups. These will be held in the week beginning 6th July from 3:45pm until 4:15pm for all year groups. Basically if you are not coming back to school, you will have the chance to see and speak with your teacher before the end of the school year.



Transition

We have also decided to use the video conferencing as a means of providing some form of transition to the next year group. The class teachers and teaching assistants will be announced on 10th July and then in the week commencing 13th July, groups of children can meet online to chat to their new teachers. We will provide powerpoints of the information for each year group in the same way we would if we were to hold a face to face

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



For safeguarding reasons, a Google Meet Protocol document will be shared with families prior to the meetings. We will provide you with more detailed communication next week but we are very excited about this new development.



On Wednesday last week, we held our Newchurch Sports Day and what fun was had by all! It was great to see so many children engaged in the activities Mr Singleton had planned for everyone. Congratulations to the winners from each class and well done to everyone who took part. Thank you also to those who sent photographs in to share with us.



Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help prevent the summer reading 'dip'.

This year the Summer Reading Challenge for children will be in an all-new digital format, available via a special national website and for 2020 it's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh.

The theme of this year challenge is 'Silly Squad' who are a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books.

Children are encouraged to join the Silly Squad by heading on over to www.sillysquad.org.uk to set their own personal reading challenge to complete this summer. Once they have joined the Silly Squad the children will access heaps of super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games and be able to track of your books, reviews and the rewards you unlock along the way.

This year's Challenge runs from June to September, so there is plenty of time for children to take part and get silly this summer.

With the challenges of COVID-19 promoting the Summer Reading challenge to all the children in the school is proving challenging as we would usually do it through an assembly. Instead we have uploaded a presentation which explains the scheme onto the school website under its own tab – Summer Reading Challenge.



United in Lockdown

You may have seen bridges and gates like this where people inscribe their names on padlocks (with sharpie pens or etchings) and then lock them onto bridges or gates. We have decided to mark how we have been 'united in lockdown' through the creating of an archway decorated with locks from our families. In the coming weeks, we will be inviting you to come to school with your lock and add to our structure. Further details will follow but we wanted to give

you the chance to purchase your perfect padlock.

Date	Action
26.6.20	Social stories for Y2 - Y6 placed on school website with reviewed risk assessment
29.6.20	Y6 and Y1 parents contacted regarding decision to send their child back into school
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

Have a lovely weekend.
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