



Education Resources
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Dear Parents/Carers

Can you believe we are nearly at the October break! The weeks seem to have flown past!

Thank you for responding to our survey regarding parental meetings. We received 243 votes. Incredible! 58% of parents voted for a short phone call from the class teacher. We will work on this next week and be in touch with you via email with your allocated date and time slot. I have added a short outline of what to expect from the call over the page. Teaching staff are looking forward to chatting with you after the October holiday.

I have included a copy of our schools 'Cost of the School Day' position statement and annual calendar. Both documents have been created in partnership with our Parent Council. I have updated this in light of the Covid 19 situation. Unfortunately, we are not in the position to organise school trips or have visitors in school at the moment however who knows what the future will bring!

You may remember we had to cancel our organised annual school fund raiser in the spring. Our school fund allows us to purchase treats for the children. This year we have had to think of a different approach and are planning to have 4 dress down days throughout the year. The dates of these are added onto the proposed calendar which is included. **All** children can come to school in their casual clothes and if you are able you can deposit in your parentpay account or your child can bring in £1.00. This is totally optional. The first event will take place on **Friday 9th October**. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Finally, enjoy the October break everyone.

I hope you all stay safe.

Kind regards,
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Dates For Your Diary

2nd Oct	Newsletter Online
9th Oct	Dress down day. £1 donation
12th - 16th Oct	Holiday
6th Nov	Newsletter Online
16th Nov	INSET day. Children not in school.
4th Dec	Dress down day. £1 donation
22nd Dec	School closes for Christmas at 2.30pm

Parent Pay email



Please get into the habit of checking your email address connected to your Parent Pay account daily. If the school is connected to a case of Covid 19 then the NHS will use this email address to contact you. Thank you.

Our Recovery Curriculum Rationale - Stage 2

At present, in line with government guidelines, our priorities continue to be:- Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Well-Being. Initially we focused on the core skills in these areas at all stages throughout school.

After discussion with all staff we can see that on the whole our children are now ready to be introduced to a little more. As we move into the next term we will be introducing some other areas of the curriculum through topic work.

During our inset day, all staff took part in training on Emotion Works. The programme develops emotional learning and literacy and has a visual 'Cog Model' framework to help show children how 'emotions work'. The children will be introduced to talking about how their emotions link to their behaviour, how these can make their body feel, what can trigger an emotion and what regulation strategies can be put in place to help them. This work will be introduced briefly next week and then continue after the October holiday. I will give you a wee update soon!



Google Classroom and Homework

It is vital that you ensure your child can access their Google Classroom from home and have their password noted somewhere safe. If you require any support with this please email :-

gw14woodsidepsict@glow.sch.uk

We have created '**Learning Grids**' for each stage for any child who is off school quarantining for 14 days. Please notify the school office if this is the case and the class teacher will allocate the learning grid via their Google Classroom. The work on the grid consolidates work covered in class and helps deepen skills previously taught.

As all jotters and reading books going home have to be quarantined for 72 hours on their return to school, we have decided to trial a 2 week homework programme. I must stress that initially this is a trial.

Your child will receive **two** homework jotters. One for school and one for home use.

Week 1—All homework will be completed in the school jotter and returned to the teacher by Friday.

Week 2—All homework will be set on Google Classroom and completed in the home jotter. **This jotter remains at home.** The class teacher will set a single question which all children **must answer online** to show they have accessed the homework.

We are going to initially trial this for 4 weeks and monitor if it works. Homework with the infant classes may be different. Class teachers will notify you of this.

Week 1 of our homework trial will start on Monday 19th October.

Phone call from the teacher

Here is what to expect from a call from the class teacher.

You will be sent an email which will contain the following information :-

- **Date** of the call.
- **A time slot** for the call, eg between 3-4pm.
- The call will last no longer than **5 minutes**.
- The call may come from a **withheld number**.
- If initially you don't answer the teacher will leave a message. They will try to ring you **one more time** after their other calls.
- All calls will take place **after school** and be no later than 5.45pm.
- Calls will take place **between Tuesday 20th and Thursday 29th October**.
- Siblings **may not** get calls on the same day.

Please look out for your email next week.



