

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's now the end of our second week and this week has seen the majority of the children launch into the first unit of our curriculum. Last week we held a transition week to allow the children to settle but this week it has been full steam ahead with some really exciting learning! I'm sure the children have enjoyed telling you all about what they have been learning!

### **Study Guides and Newsletters**

You will find a newsletter from the year group staff attached to this email and this will contain useful information about the term ahead. If your child is in Year 2 – Year 5 you will also find the study guides for their units of wonder learning attached. This is the first time we are trialing sharing these documents – and we will build on this in the future, but for now, we hope it provides an insight into the wonderful curriculum the children are receiving, and will also allow you to support and ask questions, share knowledge and prompt learning at home. We will be reflecting on these before we send out the curriculum documents for Autumn 2, so no doubt you will notice them get better as the year goes on! This is a huge piece of work in terms of our national curriculum development and we look forward to notifying you of further developments on this over the coming terms. For now, Year 1 will continue to work on the Early Year Curriculum due to so much missed learning last academic year, but we will be sharing their national curriculum documents with you from the Spring Term.

### **Social Distancing and Covid measures**

Thanks you so much to all of you who have been trying your best to wear a face covering at pick up. We understand that there are exemptions, but we are so impressed by all of those who are really committing to supporting us in this. As staff we are taking the measures really seriously, and you will have noticed staff wearing visors and face coverings too. When queuing in the morning, please ensure you are distancing your family group from others. We work tirelessly in the day to ensure that the children are as distanced as possible and would be so grateful of your support in promoting this important message too. There are red markers from the gate to show distanced sections.

### **Positive Covid Test Results**

If you need to let us know about a positive test result out of academy hours (5pm-8am and at weekends), please send an email to [covid@oasismarksburyroad.org](mailto:covid@oasismarksburyroad.org) to notify us. We have a well prepared plan in place and having early knowledge of a positive result will enable us to take action swiftly. If you receive notification of a positive result during the school day, please just call the academy office. We hope that this won't happen, but want to be fully prepared.

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## **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

We have plans to re-open Breakfast and After School Club provision from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. I'm sure so many of you will be delighted to hear this news, and we are so grateful for your patience up until now. You will understand that this is going to be a very tightly operated service and as a result, places will be limited. There will be a strict booking system in place and payment will need to be made ahead of booking. We will send out further information about the booking process and how the clubs will run next week. Please only make use of the clubs if you have no other option for wrap around care and no flexibility in working hours as places will be limited.

## **Packed Lunches**

As sent out in recent communication, the children can bring in their own packed lunch if they want to while we are running a restricted Sodexo menu. Please make sure this is completely contained in one box/bag, and that there are no products containing nuts included. We promote and encourage a healthy lunch, but please be aware that children will be bringing any rubbish home with them. Please provide your own cutlery should the packed lunch require it. Do remember that all children from Reception to Year 2 receive a free school meal so we would encourage you to make use of this benefit.

## **Reading and Homework**

I know we are all so keen to get Reading and Homework up and running again – reading in particular – and we have been working on a safe system. We are awaiting an order of individual transparent book bags (which can be easily wiped) to transport reading books to and from school. When these arrive we will issue your child with one. Reading books should be the only thing coming to school from home to reduce any potential transmission of the virus. Before half term we will be setting up a year group section on our website where homework tasks will be stored – these will be skills to practise at home as will be great preparation for when the children receive their iPad later on in the term.

## **Exciting staff news**

I know that some parents already know, but we are very excited to announce that Miss McCulloch is going to have a baby in January. Miss Newbery also got engaged to her partner Dan in the holidays, while Mr Haycock and his fiancée Ashleigh got married. It has been an eventful few months and we send them all our congratulations.

Do enjoy the sunshine this weekend – I think it might be our last glimpse of summer. When the rain does start please make sure that you send the children in with appropriate clothing (a waterproof, warm clothes, trousers/tights to cover bare legs) as we will be carrying on with break times unless the weather is torrential!

I look forward to seeing you all again next week,

Clare