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Welcome back to the Summer term! With the prospect of sun and the promising news regarding the vaccination programme and falling numbers of cases, hopefully this term will see a continued return to normal school life. For the time being, we will be continuing with the same safety procedures as before the holidays in school and in terms of the beginning and end of the day. Children will remain in their year group bubbles and will continue to use the same drop off points and pick up locations as before (details below and also on the website). Parents coming onto the Infant school grounds should continue to wear a facemask.

Ms Elbourne-Cload

Firstly, an update on Ms. Elbourne-Cload. Unfortunately, her surgery ended up more invasive than expected so she will be taking a few extra weeks to recuperate before she returns to school. Rest assured, we have a fantastic team who are all pulling together to ensure that the school runs smoothly in her absence. I am in daily contact with her and I have shared all the kind thoughts that we have been sent.

Homework

In pursuit of normality, one of the things that will restart this term is homework. This will look very similar to what we were doing before lockdown and will contain some work that is reflective of work they are doing in school or that needs reinforcing.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are really pleased to be able to provide extra-curricular clubs again as we know how important they are to the children. Some of these have already started at the Infant School, and most of the teacher-led clubs will resume next week back at the Junior School. Full details of clubs are on the website. There are spaces still available for some the Junior School external clubs: French, Chess, Technology and Football as well as Year 1 tennis at the Infant School.

Library Books

Please could we ask that any borrowed library books are now returned.

Excitingly, families are now welcomed back to most Hertfordshire libraries to choose their own books. Please visit their website for opening times.

England does the Daily Mile

The Daily Mile Foundation are hosting their first national event in schools on Friday 30th April. Schools and pupils across the country will all participate at the same time and hopefully there will be at least one million children taking part. Look out for updates on our website.

Gardening Club

The Junior School Gardening Club are having a major overhaul of the central flowerbeds, so if you have any unwanted compost, shrubs or plants that you wish to donate, please let us know.

Uniform

We are now selling uniform across both schools. This will be available on Parentmail as stock becomes available. Please notify the School Office when you have placed your order.

Class	Year	Start time	Finish time
Infant School- using one way system			
Children can arrive between the listed times	All	08.50 – 09.00am	3.05pm – 3.15pm
Junior School – using front and back gates			
Class 8 (Back Gate)	Year 3	8.40 am	3.05pm
Class 7 (Back Gate)	Year 3	8.45 am	3.10pm
Class 6 (Back Gate)	Year 4	8.50 am	3.15pm
Class 5 (Back Gate)	Year 4	8.55 am	3.20pm
Class 4 (Front Gate)	Year 5	8.40 am	3.05pm
Class 3 (Front Gate)	Year 5	8.45 am	3.10pm
Class 2 (Front Gate)	Year 6	8.50 am	3.15pm
Class 1 (Front Gate)	Year 6	8.55 am	3.20pm

Finally, as the weather starts to get warmer, please ensure your child has a water bottle with them each day, and on sunny days their school cap.

If you have any questions/ queries please get in touch.

Mr Tavender Head of Schools