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A few weeks in...

After our first few weeks back as school, we would like to share some reflections and updates from our phase leaders

Phase 1 have settled back into school really well. Year 1 spent 2 weeks practicing skills they have previously learnt and remembering the school routines. Reception have joined us this week and have also settled in well, making lots of new friends, showing off some skills and impressing their teachers. We are so proud of all of Phase 1 children for the way they have returned to school and are looking out for each other, helping others when they require it and offering support. Well done Phase 1!

Phase 2 have loved being back in school. They have quickly got into the swing of new routines and supporting each other. They have carried out lots of new activities both inside and outside of the classroom such as basketball, archery and tennis, although football is still a firm favourite! Inside the classroom they've been enjoying reading to each other and finding out more about each other through the "The Skin I'm In". It has been fascinating to learn about pupils' heritage and different traditions. It is brilliant to have everyone back in school and so eager to discover and learn!

Phase 3 have been busy back in and getting to grips with what it's like to be back in school. They are enjoying exploring and discussing The Skin I'm In, and learning more about themselves and others. Well done Phase 3 for such a positive return to the classroom.

"Who Do You Think You Are?"



A reminder about our exciting new topic "Who Do You Think You Are?"! Please spend time with your child exploring how your family has developed an identity through their name, how it was chosen and whether it has a meaning, family traditions, appearance, personality, home language, favourite foods etc. and how this has shaped how your child views his/her identity. Children can present their findings whether written, photographic or as art work to celebrate the richness of what makes them wonderfully unique and special. Their work will be shared with you through photographs and in a live stream during the week of 5th October. The project can be completed any time from now until 2nd October.

Staff News

We are delighted to share the exciting news that Mrs Pandya is expecting a baby, due in Spring. We are very much looking forward to a new "St Paul's" baby!! Some less happy news is that Miss Williams, our Pastoral Lead, is leaving us on 16th October for pastures new. Miss Williams is a much appreciated member of our St Paul's team and will be very much missed.



Kindles Update

We are still preparing kindles to support classroom learning, and we hope to have them ready in the next few weeks. If your child has no access to technology for learning at home, they will be able to take their kindle home with them providing that parents/carers have read, agreed and signed our Remote Learning Acceptable Use protocol. No kindles will be released for home learning unless this has been signed.

Please let us know if you have any problems with internet or broadband access at home, or if you are worried about not being able to access online learning from home.

Packed Lunches

We appreciate your support by providing your children with a packed lunch while we operate under difficult covid-19 conditions and limited staffing. However, we have noticed that not all packed lunches contain a healthy balanced meal that will help your child learn. Please could we remind parents of the NHS guide to a healthy packed lunch which recommends a packed lunch should contain



- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans.
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt.
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

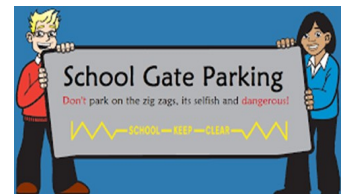
No sweets, chocolates or fizzy drinks please



Could we also ask parents **not to include nuts** either in lunchboxes and for snacks. We have pupils and staff in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your cooperation.

Road Safety

A polite reminder to parents not to park on the school zigzags, and not to allow children to get out of a moving vehicle. Although we are operating a staggered start and finish, parents/carers are still required to bring their child into the school grounds. Staff on the gate are not able to walk to individual cars to collect children from their parents.



Stars of the Week

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| Phase 1 Air | Nataniel, for settling in so well at school |
| Phase 2 Air | Kenzo, for fabulous manners, settling in and supporting other children |
| Phase 1 Earth | Javier, for being a kind friend when helping younger children settle in |
| Phase 2 Earth | Oliver, for consistent excellent work, across all subjects |
| Phase 3 Earth | Salifou, for his great contribution to class discussions |
| Phase 1 Water | Mason, for showing great maturity this week by helping others settle and showing great listening skills and sharing |
| Phase 2 Water | Tyler, for working really hard in maths, literacy and reading |
| Phase 3 Water | Marwa, for her extremely conscientious start back to school |



Well done everyone! Keep up the good work 😊