



Pauntley Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER

4th September 2020



Our Termly Value: Generosity

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Corinthians 9:6-8

WE'RE BACK!

Hooray, after almost 6 months of reduced intake and many children not being able to attend, we are finally open once again for everyone! And for me a chance to meet you all for the first time.

It has been amazing to welcome back everyone and hear the classrooms filled with the hustle and bustle of school life.

As a school we have tried our best to ensure that everything is as normal as possible whilst taking the steps needed to make sure everyone is kept safe. So far all the staff have been massively impressed with the attitude of the children and just how well they have responded. They haven't been phased at all by the different classroom arrangements and regular hand washing. As always we will continue to monitor government guidance and adapt our plans as and when necessary.

It has been great to hear about the amazing work children have done at home and although we are not allowed to physically share this in class or with teachers at present due to current restrictions, I know the teachers have been keen to hear all about it. A massive well done to all of you who managed to keep working during this difficult time, all of your efforts are very much appreciated.

No doubt the year will be very different from those previously taught but I think we can all be thankful that the children are back learning and spending time with their friends.

Drop Off & Pick Up

Please could I ask all parents/carers to adhere to the advice in the school's risk assessment regarding these times. We have tried to retain as much normality as possible but in doing so we are aware that this means that there are a lot of adults on site at one time. Please could you help us by modelling social distancing whilst on the playground.

Furthermore, we would encourage adults that wish to, whilst on the playground, to wear face coverings due to the number of people on site. I am aware that this is a personal choice and that some people may not be able to do so for medical reasons. This is **not compulsory** as this is an outside space but is a measure that we would support.

Forest School Kit

Forest School sessions begin for the Juniors next Wednesday. Please ensure that the children have the correct kit available. A change of trousers and a warm long sleeved jumper to wear is essential alongside wellies and a waterproof coat.

After School Clubs

These begin next week – please contact the office if you have any queries about places/timings etc.

Events

Now school is up and running and most measures we have put in place are working effectively we will be considering the usual school events that make our school special. Usually I would be listing the dates right through the year so that you can note them in your own calendars in good time – however, due to the current situation we will need to be a little more cautious and take each term as it comes. We will be looking in detail about the usual arrangements for Parents’ Evenings, Harvest, Christmas celebrations and will let you know in due course what our plans are.

Blackberry Picking

One event that is due to happen is our regular blackberry picking at Pauntley. Next Friday the whole school will walk down to the blackberry fields together at 9:00am. They will need to ensure that they have wellies and a waterproof coat with them.

Headteacher Availability

I am hoping to be at Pauntley on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the year (although this may be subject to some change at times). If you need to contact me for any reason please do not hesitate to speak to the office and make an appointment or drop me an email head@newentfed.org and I will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

Water bottles

The children will all be issued with a free 100% recyclable sports water bottle next week and we would be grateful if you could mark it with their names and send them into school with it full every day.

New parents

Welcome to our new reception group, Theo, Aleksander, Gabriel, Delilah, Lara and Harry.

Mrs Wilder in the school office will be issuing passwords for new parents to sign up to our online payment system, ParentPay, next week. Please speak to her if you have any issues logging on. All new reception pupils have now been signed up for free school milk and parents have the option to continue with daily milk once their child turns five. Please note that there is a cost for this.

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

Please can all new parents sign up for free school meals via the link below. Any existing parents whose circumstances might have changed financially may also qualify for an extra payment known as Pupil Premium . <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/> . Reminder that lunches are ordered every morning at registration but please do inform the school by 9.15am if your child is going to be late for any reason and a meal needs ordering.

Labelling uniform

A reminder to please label all your child’s clothing etc including PE kit and Forest School clothes.

Mr Larner
Headteacher

