

4th November 2019

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful half term.

As you will have seen, building work has commenced at the rear of the school. Works are currently underway to put in place the temporary staff car park which will be accessed from Church Road and the site compound has been fenced off. School sheds have been relocated and this has provided us with the perfect opportunity to have a much needed sort out of our sports equipment. In the half term break, the carpet outside the Key Stage 1 toilets was replaced as well as White Rock being installed in the Key Stage 2 toilets.

The football pitch has been marked out on the school field and the goal posts will be reinstated this week in readiness for the season. Given that the Key Stage 2 playground has been reduced in size, it seems such a shame that the field is placed out of action (the playground was available for the children today at lunchtime). From tomorrow, we would therefore like to invite the children to bring in wellingtons or outdoor shoes, in a named bag, which can be worn at break times so that the children can access the field as extra space to play if they wish. Please note that children will be unable to use their PE trainers for play on the field as we do need to use these indoors, especially at this time of year.

Important information for today.

Today, Year 2 will be dismissed from the Key Stage 2 (lower) playground. Children will be lined up in classes and dismissed from the lines by the teacher. I would be grateful if parents would collect children from the ramp nearest to the field. Reception, Hazel and Larch Classes will be dismissed as usual. Birch Class will be dismissed from the Key Stage 1 doors with other Year 1 children. Members of staff will be there to guide parents.

Years 3 and 4 will be dismissed from the Key Stage 1 (upper) playground. Children will be lined up in classes and dismissed from the lines by the teacher. Again, members of staff will be on hand to guide parents. Years 5 and 6 will be dismissed as usual.

Please could I ask that families exit the site as soon as possible once children have been collected – thank you.

As I am sure parents will appreciate, despite the significant amount of time and energy which goes in to planning, there may be times where a change needs to be made. Thank you to Year 2 and 3 parents this morning for your support with the change to coming into school. We will continue with this arrangement for the foreseeable future and members of SLT will be on the door to remind families as well as greeting the children.

More information to follow on Friday.

Best wishes
Sam Porter