

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to our old families. It is lovely to have school full of children again after what has been a very difficult year for us all.

The children are settling into school life and are already making us proud with both how hard they are working and how well they are behaving around school.

Look out on the class pages of our website for photographs of your children learning, playing and generally enjoying being at school.



## Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September



This is the excited face of one of our Year One children who came second in a Roald Dahl Competition. She had to come up with the idea for a fundraiser for the Roald Dahl Charity. She had the idea for a Teddy Bears picnic complete with money raising competitions and prizes.

We were so excited by her idea, and because the Roald Dahl charity is so marvellous, we decided that as part of our celebration of Roald Dahl Day this year we will have a **Teddy Bears Picnic**. This will be a whole exciting day on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September which will include opportunities for children to take part in both free and fundraising activities.

### Picnic

Each child from Reception, Year One and Year Two will take part in a picnic with their class bear.

*The picnic will happen in the child's class bubble. The picnic will be provided by the school kitchen and will include a ham or cheese sandwich, fruit and a cake or biscuit. Children can bring their own packed lunch if you wish*

### Design a Bear's Outfit Competition

During the school day each child will design an outfit for a bear. Each year group will have one winner who will win a bear.

### Name the Bear Competition

Each child will have a named slip to which the bear name of choice will be added. These will be put into a hat and the child whose slip is pulled from the hat will win the bear to take home.

**The day will also include other exciting activities in each class based on Roald Dahl and bears!**

**We are asking for donations to the Roald Dahl Charity.**

**Please put your donation into an envelope which can go via your child's book bag into school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

## Communication

We have expanded our ways of communicating with parents. Alongside our website, which contains all our information, we now have a Facebook page. This page is used to share 'headline' messages and, when appropriate, to alert parents to new information that has been shared on our website or by email.

- If the website has not updated, when you visit or pages are missing, please use the search engine to find the page again rather than typing the address of the website into the menu bar.
- Please can you contact us using phone or email rather than via our Facebook page.
- All newsletters and club letters will now be shared via email rather than as paper copies

**Home Learning-** If children are absent from school for reasons linked to the coronavirus the government has instructed that schools should provide home learning from the first day that the children are at home.

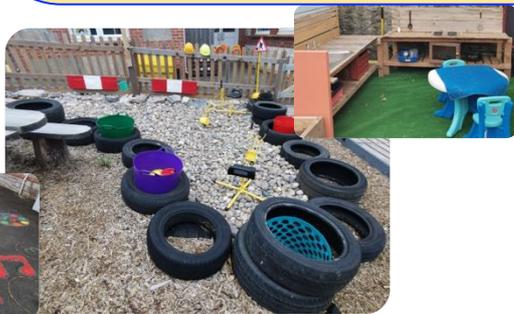
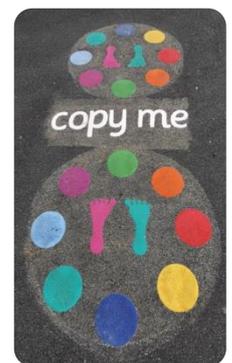
As we did throughout the previous school closures, we will share home learning ideas and support materials through our website. Also, as before, no printing will be necessary and children will not have to complete learning online.

If your family are unable to access our website please contact us so that we can put plans in place to ensure we are able to provide learning to you in the event of a coronavirus related absence.



As you have walked around the school at the start and end of the day you will have spotted many improvements to the school outside areas. Some of these changes have been achieved through the sheer hard work of the school staff and many kind donations from the community. Thank you to everyone who has made these happen.

The new playground markings and climbing equipment have been made possible through creative use of Government sports funding, Not only does the school look better; more importantly, the children are more active outside and are loving the new opportunities.



**Coming soon...**

**Assemblies** While we cannot currently hold our usual class assemblies we still want to be able to share your child's learning with you in a similar form. Each class will be making a short video that we will share on the class page of our website, the first will be the Squirrels. We will let you know when your class video will be online.

**Clubs** We want each child in Year One and Year Two to be able to experience our after school clubs but we have had to think hard about how this can safely happen in bubbles. Each of these classes is going to be able to choose and vote for 4 different class club ideas. From 24<sup>th</sup> September teachers will lead these different ideas within their own class bubble, on Thursdays, for 45 minutes after school. Look out for the club letter coming soon.