

Welcome Back Class Newsletter

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Class 4 - Mrs Clarke

Welcome Back from Mr Griffiths

I am delighted that we will be welcoming children back to school on Monday 8th March 2021.

As a team we have planned carefully for the weeks ahead. The emotional wellbeing of our children is at the forefront of our thinking as is supporting their return to school based academic learning. We are proud to have worked together with families for the benefit of all children during this latest lockdown and will continue to do so as children return.

Staff will be visible at the start and end of the day welcoming the children, instigating handwashing and safe entry to school and handover to parents at the end of the day. These are busy times where it is only right the children's needs are prioritised. Please do not be offended that it is not possible to have discussions with parents at these times. If you need to pass a message to the class teacher please email office@ffspschools.co.uk

Welcome from Mrs Clarke

I am looking forward to welcoming Class 4 back to School on Monday 8th March 2021. It will be great to have all the children back in the classroom and begin face to face learning again. I have seen many examples of fantastic work during this time of remote learning and I am proud of the efforts that have been put in by all during this challenging time. Returning to the classroom will be an opportunity for the children to share and celebrate these achievements and build on the many skills and experiences that they have had.

In the coming days and weeks, the focus will be on ensuring that all the children settle back into the routines of being in school again and providing a smooth transition back to learning in the classroom. Each of the children will have had a different remote learning experience and we will help children to adjust to school life again academically, socially and emotionally. Making sure the children feel safe and secure will be a priority as well as providing support for the children on a day-by-day basis as the needs arise. Whilst it is very exciting for the children to be reunited with their friends, it may also take some time to get used to being around each other again, all the staff working with the children are mindful of this. We will all be planning opportunities for the children to develop and re-establish their friendships both in the classroom and when on the playground.

On returning to school, it would be helpful if the children could bring back the packs that were sent home that included a whiteboard and pen as well as our class book 'Street Child'. If the copy of the book belongs to your child, please make sure that their name is in the front of it to avoid confusion with the books from school.

Many of the routines in place before lockdown will continue to ensure that our classroom is a safe place to be. We will be continuing with the hand washing routines as required and the children will be given individual stationery packs as before. Our P.E. days will be on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** and the children should come to school in their P.E. kits on these days. Up to Easter, we will be focusing on team building/playground games and Hockey in P.E. It would be helpful if the children could bring their shin pads and gum shield for these sessions.

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There will be a continued focus on the children's well-being as well as their academic learning. Both of these aspects are vitally important in allowing the children to continue to thrive. When the children have had chance to settle, I will be using low stake quizzes and informal assessment to identify their knowledge and any potential areas of need that require more work. We will also be working on building up writing stamina and quality by giving the children opportunity to carry out short burst writing tasks. In the weeks leading up to Easter, we will be revisiting and consolidating the learning from the last 8 weeks as I begin to build up an accurate picture of the strengths and needs of the class.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place remotely in weeks beginning 26th April 2021. This will be an opportunity for me to discuss with you how your child has settled back into school and by this point in time, I will be able to share with you the areas both academically, socially and emotionally in which we can work together to develop. Further information will be sent shortly about the specific days and times as well as how to book an appointment.

Key Dates

School reopens: Monday 8th March

Easter Holidays: School closes on Thursday 25th March at 3.20pm

Staff Training Day: Friday 26th March

Staff Training Day: Monday 12th April

Summer Term Begins: Tuesday 13th April

Parent Consultations: week beginning 26th April 2021

Finally

I look forward to seeing you all soon and to welcoming all the children back to the classroom. I hope that many of your questions have been answered through reading this letter. Many thanks for the support that you have given over the last eight weeks and I am looking forward to hearing about all the highlights and achievements the children have to share on their return to school.

Your Sincerely

Mrs Clarke – Class 4 Teacher