

Welcome Back Class Newsletter

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— CoFE PRIMARY SCHOOL —



Class Three Ms Pickering and Mrs Pearce

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 Ms Pickering and Mrs Pearce

We are looking forward to welcoming Class 3 back to School on Monday 8th March 2021.

For the short term, Mrs. Lovell will be working in class Monday through to Thursday as Ms Pickering continues her recovery. Mrs. Pearce will be in on Fridays as usual. Despite the short term change in staffing, our focus will be on ensuring a smooth transition for the children as they return to school and classroom learning. We understand that everyone's experience of remote learning will have been different. Ensuring children feel safe and secure as they return is of particular importance. We know that emotional stability is a prerequisite to learning.

Learning will continue with a focus on children's well-being as well as their academic learning. Children will be supported to readapt to learning with others again and we will be planning opportunities for children to re-establish their friendships and social skills through working in small groups on creative projects and activities.

Children will need time to adapt to the routines of the school day including regular handwashing. They will need to build up their learning stamina and familiarise themselves with learning as part of a class again which, for some, will mean less support than they received while learning remotely.

We will still make use of DB Primary but will also focus on more traditional pen and paper methods of recording the children's learning. Our PE days will remain the same (Wednesday and Thursday) and we would appreciate it if children could come to school suitably dressed in their PE kit on those days each week. The system will remain the same as before Christmas for bringing/changing reading books, and children will continue to have access to web based reading schemes such as epic and read theory.

Once routines and relationships have been re-established, we will be assessing the children to check knowledge and support them as needed. This will be achieved with a balance of regular low stakes recall quizzes and some reading and maths assessments and a writing piece.

We appreciate that communication has to take different forms as we ensure we do all we can to keep everyone safe. If you have a question or query please email office@ffspschools.co.uk

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Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place remotely in week beginning 26th April 2021. Mrs Giddings will be in touch in due course to give you information as to how to book a time slot. This will be an opportunity for us to discuss with you how your child has settled back into school and by this point in time, we 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 how to book an appointment.

Key Dates

School reopens:

Easter Holidays: School closes on Thursday 25th March at 3.30pm

Staff Training Day: Friday 26th March

Staff Training Day: Monday 12th April

Summer Term Begins: Tuesday 13th April

Parent Consultations:

DB Primary

Overall we have been pleased with the impact of the DB Primary learning platform during this lockdown. We will continue to make use aspects of DB Primary in school and for some home learning to support in school curriculum studies. Now teachers will be seeing children everyday they will not be checking messages sent via DB as frequently as before. If parents need to relay a message to a teacher they should email office@ffspschools.co.uk

Finally

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Your Sincerely

Ms D. Pickering and Mrs. A. Pearce – Class Three Teachers