

Welcome Back Class Newsletter

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— CoFE PRIMARY SCHOOL —



Class One Mrs Barnett

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 Barnett

I am looking forward to welcoming Class 1 back to School on Monday 8th March 2021.

In the coming days and weeks our priority will be to ensure a smooth transition back into school and classroom learning. Every child'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 I will be planning opportunities for children to re-establish their friendships and social skills through games, stories and opportunities for purposeful play.

Children will be supported to adapt to the routines of the school day including regular handwashing. They will 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. Whilst the majority of our learning will be done in school time, we may still use DB Primary to set some additional work as when required to consolidate this e.g. maths and spelling games or pre and post learning activities.

- PE – Will be on Wednesday and Friday. Please send children in school PE Kit and suitable foot wear.
- Snacks – Children in KS1 are offered a piece of fruit each day so they do not need to bring a piece of fruit unless you wish to send it.
- Water bottles – Please ensure that children bring these every day. They will be sent home each afternoon to be washed.
- Reading Books – These will continue to be changed on Monday and Thursday each week and planners should be brought in to school on these days. We will continue to listen to children read throughout the week using a selection of books in school.

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

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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.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place remotely in week beginning 26th April. 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 how to book an appointment.

Key Dates

School reopens: Monday 8th March

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: Week beginning 26th April

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 that teachers will be seeing children everyday they will not be checking messages sent via DB. If parents need to relay a message to a teacher they should email office@ffspschools.co.uk

Finally

I would like to thank you for your continued support during this latest lockdown. I have been extremely impressed with how hard all of the children have worked and by their active participation and listening skills in our zoom sessions.

I look forward to seeing you and your children soon.

Your Sincerely

Mrs K. Barnett – Class One Teacher