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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your warm welcome to the school that you have given me and Mrs Levett.

This week the children have worked hard on a number of assessments. The children deserve praise for having approached these so well right at the start of a school year and having not been in school for quite some time. My thanks to all the staff team for seeing that the children all have the right assessments – the range of assessments and thoroughness of assessment is something that is new for the school. We will now look at the outcomes of the assessments and use them to plan teaching in each class and to plan interventions. Here are a few photographs to give you a flavour of the work and assessments that the children have been doing this week.



Monday is a particularly busy day as we are interviewing three candidates for our Deputy Headteacher post. As well as me, we will have Mrs Levett and representatives from governors, our trust and the diocese involved with the running of the interview. We will announce the result of the interviews as soon as we can.

As has been the case from the very start of the pandemic, guidance and rules keep changing. Therefore, I thought it would be good to clarify what happens if a child has symptoms that may suggest that they have COVID-19. If a child has symptoms of COVID-19 then they, and their household, must isolate and arrange for a test. If the test is positive then the child must isolate for 10 days, from the first day of the symptoms, and their household isolate for 14 days. If the test is negative and the symptoms have gone, then the child may return to school and the household do not need to isolate.

We are monitoring how everything is running in school. Once we are all confident and settled in to the new routines etc then we will look to introduce some clubs. These will be limited in number and will have to be in class bubbles. We'll share more information about this, in due course.

I've picked up that, previously, the school's approach to PE kits may not have been clear or consistent. I want to resolve this in a way which is good for all. This will not involve any immediate change to our PE kit. Thus, for the time being, PE shorts and t-shirts for PE remain the same:

- Burgundy t-shirt
- Black shorts or skorts
- Plimsolls (indoor)
- Trainers (outdoor)
- Plain black tracksuit (outdoor)

Children are welcome to bring in plimsolls for PE in the hall and for PE outside. Children are also welcome to bring in trainers for PE outside. When the weather is not as warm as it is now, then children may also bring in track suits/jogging bottoms to wear outside. Please ensure that all clothing and footwear brought in for PE is named. I should think that all parents and carers know that, at home items can 'walk' all on their own and be mislaid quite easily. With a school full of children this is also the case. When items are named and found then it is much easier for us to see that they are returned to the right child.

Best Regards,



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