

### 'eSchools'

Homework for last week was sent home via eSchools for children across all year groups. Going forward, every Friday, homework will be set via eSchools and children have until Wednesday to complete and upload so teachers can then mark it and give feedback. Children were provided with homework books last week. These can be used to record the work, ready for uploading, but **do not** need to be returned to School every week.

### Class Newsletters

Previously, you would be aware, we sent out termly class newsletters to let you know key information for each class and about the curriculum coverage across the term. These will now be replaced by the class pages on eSchools, which class teachers can update more frequently with relevant information about upcoming events and class notices. Please ensure you login regularly for updates and bulletins throughout the term.

### Reading Books and Reading Records

Reading Books and Reading Records will be sent home every Friday and should be returned to school on **Wednesday** (not Friday to Friday as noted in original correspondence). Please let us know how your child is getting on with their reading at home by writing a comment in their reading record or, for older children, please encourage them to record something in their black reading record in response to the text they have read.

Please can we ask all parents to have a look at home for any school reading books that may have been sent home with your child before lockdown and return them to school as soon as possible.

### Forest Schools

On Wednesday 16th September it will be Year 5's turn to take part in an educational forest school lesson. Class 11 will have their session in the morning and Class 12 in the afternoon.

#### **Children can come to school in their forest school clothes.**

Please ensure they have a waterproof coat and suitable footwear.

### Year 4 Forest Schools After School Club

For those in Year 4 who are taking part in the forest school after school club, children can bring a change of footwear on that day if they wish.

### Nursery

Last week, we welcomed our Nursery children back to school. They have settled brilliantly and are already enjoying everything our Nursery has to offer. Please note, we have made a slight amendment to Nursery timings— there is now a temporary flexible drop-off between 8.30am and 9.00am during the COVID-19 pandemic so that social distancing rules can be adhered to. Breakfast club is still available for those that need it from 8am - 8.30am.

### Nursery/Reception Bubble

We have had a few enquiries regarding the Nursery/Reception bubble previously referenced in our earlier communications. We would like to clarify that the Nursery and Reception bubbles have not mixed since the beginning of term. Going forward, they will now remain as two distinct bubbles.



## Newsletter

Monday 14th September 2020

### Flu Immunisations

The school nurse will be in school on Wednesday 25th November to administer nasal spray flu vaccinations. Attached to this newsletter is a form from the School Nursing Team for parents to complete and return to give consent for their child to receive the vaccine. Please note, they can only administer vaccines to children who have had consent. This is a government scheme for children from Reception to Year 6 (unfortunately, Nursery are not eligible).

### Dogs

We have had a few recent enquiries about dogs on site. To clarify, dogs are not permitted anywhere on school grounds, including the pathway leading up to school.

### New Car Park

We have had lots of positive comments regarding the new car park and, I'm sure you will agree, it has made a huge difference to traffic volumes around School during drop-off and pick-up times. The works on the car park are almost complete, with just signage and lighting left to be finished off.

We ask that when using the car park you use the path to access and leave the school grounds and don't walk up and down the car park access road.

### Playground Update

As you can see our playground extension is not yet finished. We have had a few issues with the drainage, which has since been resolved. We have been assured that everything will be finished by early next week.

### Early Years Outdoor Area

During the works, we have cleared a space for a new EY area which we are hoping to get the go-ahead for soon. We should have more information soon.

### Family Illness and Reporting Absences

We appreciate that there are a lot of colds going around at the moment and, as a result, we have had lots of parents contacting School to ask if they should keep their child off school. If it could be Covid related, we ask that parents follow the government guidelines and self-isolate if a child or another member of the household is showing symptoms. For other illnesses, please follow our normal absence procedures.

There seems to be a shortage of tests in the North East at the moment and we have been asked to encourage families to only seek a test if they are showing symptoms of COVID-19.

### Uniform

We have been made aware that both of our current uniform suppliers have struggled with the supply of uniforms over the summer. To help with increased demand and supply problems going forward, we now have a third uniform supplier, 'Academy Schoolwear'. Some of you may already know them as Arlene & Sarah.

Their site is live and ready to order from as of today.

[www.academyschoolwear.com/search/wynyard](http://www.academyschoolwear.com/search/wynyard)