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2020 Vision

Our 'vision' is a clear statement of what the school is trying to achieve so that all stakeholders – governors, teachers, children, their families and community members – are working together. It is about looking forward, and seeking to motivate and unify everyone to achieve the very best for the children.

As a school which has recently been formed from two successful schools, the governing board is keen to establish a new vision for the primary school. Over the next few weeks we'll be sharing some ideas about how you can get involved and how to let us know your views.

This will be an exciting journey towards our '2020 Vision'!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Headteacher



Can you help us with some resources?

A reminder that we are on the lookout for the following items to enhance our outdoor play:

- Pots, pans, wooden spoons, large kitchen utensils (any kitchen items)
- Small play resources - dinosaurs, dolls, figures, cars
- Lego
- Wellies
- Fabric/ material e.g. old duvet covers, sheets, saris, curtains, net curtains, throws, rugs, carpet, seat cushions, tarpaulin, nets
- Dressing up clothes



We will be happy to receive these items at any time. The sooner we do this, the sooner the children will be able to play with the items! Thank you for your support with this.

Children's Mental Health Week



The first ever Children's Mental Health Week was launched in 2015 to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. The event is now in its sixth year.

Next week, 3 - 9 February, schools, youth groups, organisations and individuals across the UK will take part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is: Find your Brave.

Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. Bravery can be about sharing worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone. Finding your Brave can build your confidence, self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself.

Life often throws challenges our way. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in. It's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after yourself.

We work hard to support children's mental health and well-being in school. This week, we'll have some focused activities on this theme.

Mindfulness Workshop for Parents

On Thursday 6 February, from 9am to 10am, Mrs Sachania and Miss Paul are leading a mindfulness workshop for parents.

At its most basic level, mindfulness helps train your attention to be more aware of what is actually happening, rather than worrying about what has happened or might happen. We learn to bring greater curiosity to whatever it is we experience. We use some mindfulness techniques in school and we are keen to share some of the ideas with parents.

The workshop is suitable for parents of children in any year group. To book a place, simply contact the school office.

Introduction to
Mindfulness
for Parents



Parents Evenings



Our next parent and teacher consultations will take place after half term, on Wednesday 26 February and Tuesday 3 March. To book an appointment with your child's teacher, please use SchoolPing. Appointment times will be available to book from Monday.

It would be great to see every parent at our consultations. This will be an opportunity for us to share your child's progress, and identify how we can work together to support your child.

End of Term Timings



At the end of each term (Christmas, Easter and Summer) we close school a little earlier. At Christmas, we noticed that some parents found it difficult to collect children from both buildings at the same time. The pouring rain also made it difficult for some children (and staff) who were left waiting in the wet conditions.

To support parents, we have altered our timings so that the lower school will close at 1.50pm, and the upper school at 2.00pm. This should leave plenty of time for parents to get from one building to the next.

Term Dates for 2020 – 2021

Our term dates for next academic year are as follows.

Please remember that children are expected to attend school every day during the academic year. Absence for holidays during term time is not permitted and this will be recorded as unauthorised (This includes finishing school early at the end of term or returning late at the start of term). Thank you for your support with this.



Term	Open on morning of	Closes
Autumn	Friday 4 September 2020	Thursday 22 October 2020
	Monday 2 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020*
Spring	Tuesday 5 January 2021	Friday 12 February 2021
	Monday 22 February 2021	Wednesday 31 March 2021*
Summer	Monday 19 April 2021	Thursday 27 May 2021
	Monday 7 June 2021	Friday 23 July 2021*

*At Christmas, Easter and the end of the school year, Lower School will close at 1.50pm and Upper School at 2.00pm.

It's Disco Time!

We are looking forward to our Discos which take place today and next Friday. Lower School children will be looked after by school staff at the end of the school day. The children will be able to change into their disco clothes, have a snack (provided by parents please) then will be accompanied to the disco with all their things.

All children should be collected from the upper school hall.

Please note that children will only be admitted to the disco with a ticket.

