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10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Good afternoon,

The staff have been very excited in school this week as we have had our first chance to invite you into the school since lockdown. We have had between 25-50 parents, in each session, coming in to find out what your children will be learning this year. One of the questions asked several times during the week was about how we are going to improve communication now parents can come into school. Below is our communication strategy so far and we will develop this further as the year progresses.

### **PARENT MEET AND GREET**

All the staff have been really pleased with all the parents that have come in this week and this is just the start of our programme of parent meetings and workshops this year. Thank you for all your questions this week and your enthusiasm towards your children's learning. The timetable we have created so far as part of our parent programme is: (dates to follow)

#### **Autumn Term:**

September: Parent Meet and Greet  
October: SEN Pupil reviews  
November: Parent's evening  
English reading workshops  
December: Termly Pupil report  
Christmas Fair/Event

**Spring Term:** Maths parent workshops  
Writing parent workshops  
Easter Bingo  
SEN pupils reviews  
Parent's evening  
Termly Pupil report

**Summer Term:** Science parent workshops  
Summer Fair/event  
SEN Pupil reviews  
Termly pupil report

### **COMMUNICATION STRATEGY**

An integral part of our communication strategy are our parent workshops/meetings and events during the year. However, we have many other ways that you can keep informed of what's



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going on in school. Please visit these to make sure that you are kept up to date with what is going on in school:

**Arbor texting/emailing service**- Please make sure we have your latest phone number and email address for up to date messages. We also send the termly reports via this method.

**School App**- Please see the attached flyer on how to sign up for the mobile app

**Twitter**- Every year group posts on this with photos

**Tapestry**- This is used by Early Years. Please see Mrs Fairclough for access

**Weekly Newsletter**- This will be sent home every Friday with the latest information, as well as posted on the school website.

**School Website**- This has all the information you will need. It includes the latest news from each class, policies and events going on in school and important information.

### JIGSAW PSHE SCHEME OF WORK

The pupils have been introduced to our new PSHE scheme of work this week: Jigsaw. They have been introduced to the structure of the lessons, the jigsaw character for each year group and the ways we can calm ourselves. We are looking forward to showing you how this programme works later in the Autumn term.

### TERM DATES

We have finalised the term dates this week and these have been put onto the school website. The school term dates are:

	Half Term Start	Half Term Finish
<b>Autumn Half Term 1</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021
<b>Autumn Half Term 2</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
<b>Spring Half Term 1</b>	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<b>Spring Half Term 2</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
<b>Summer Half Term 1</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
<b>Summer Half Term 2</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Staff Training Days: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

**Bank Holiday: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**



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### **SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY**

We are really pleased to announce that a new school chaplain will be joining us this term. She will be leading a 'Faith Group', which will run one lunch time per week (for selected children in KS2 this term and selected children in KS1 next term). She will be coming into school to help and support children with their emotional wellbeing. She will also be supporting children and staff with their individual journeys of faith and work alongside school to provide support for families.

### **NURSERY PLACES**

We still have a number of Nursery places available for this school year. We also have some 30-hour places available and paid full-time places available. For more information about our nursery, or to arrange a visit to look around, please contact Mrs Fairclough at [reception@canonjohnson.co.uk](mailto:reception@canonjohnson.co.uk)

### **SCHOOL DINNERS**

If your child has school dinners, please could you log onto the School Grid and order your child's dinners each week. If you do not have a login, please speak to the office and they will help you set one up.

### **SWIMMING AND PE**

Swimming for Year 4 will start this Monday and all pupils must take part as it is an important part of the national curriculum. Mr Keaney, Mrs Crolla and Mrs Culpepper will be taking the pupils each week from 1.40-2.20pm.

PE for each year group is:

Monday- Year 5 and Year 6

Tuesday- Year 2 and Year 3

Wednesday- Early Years and Year 6

Thursday- Year 1 and Year 4

Friday- Year 1 and Year 2

### **ATTENDANCE**

The government have asked all schools to return to their usual attendance procedures and look to improve attendance over the next 12 months after the lockdowns. If your child is going to be absent from school, please either email me or ring the school to explain the absence and please notify us if you are going to be late in picking up your children by ringing the office on 0161 330 3169.



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For families that drop below 90% or are persistently late (after 9am), Mr Keaney will be organising meetings to support you in improving your child's attendance. Unfortunately, schools have been asked to apply for fines through the local authority if attendance does not improve.

### HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR PUPILS IN READING AND WRITING

#### Reading

Reading is incredibly important and your support in this learning process is vital.

#### 10 Benefits of Reading

1. Children who read often and widely get better at it – after all, practise makes perfect.
2. Reading exercises our brain – Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain than for example, watching TV. Reading strengthens brain connections and builds new connections.
3. Reading improves concentration.
4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.
5. Reading improves vocabulary and language.
6. Reading develops a child's imagination.
7. Reading helps children to develop empathy – as children develop they begin to consider how they would feel if placed in certain situations.
8. Reading is fun – dreaming with your eyes open!
9. Reading is a great way to spend time together.
10. Reading promotes achievement in all subjects.

We issue every child with a banded reading book which they should read at home and bring back to school each day. Children also have access to the Key Stage libraries - they can select a book of their choice. Every child has a reading journal which should be signed to show they have read at home. We check this each morning and reward children regularly for reaching reading milestones.

**Key Stage One:** Please access the RWInc Virtual Classroom links being sent home to support your child with their reading. If you would like further information on RWInc, please follow these links:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/1OjBhuZi/oWsxuuis>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/KmMUIPf4/jw6kJjss>



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### **HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR PUPILS IN MATHS**



At Canon Johnson we use the White Rose Scheme of Learning.

Please follow the link below which is a useful site for parents and carers. It helps you to understand what and how maths is taught in school and contains links to advice and guidance.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/for-parents/>

In the table below are the National Curriculum times tables expectations for each year group. The children will be tested on their times tables regularly in school.

Expectations for times tables for each year group:	
Year 1	Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Recall and use all doubles to 10 and corresponding halves.
Year 2	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers.
Year 3	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.
Year 4	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12x12.
Year 5	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12x12.
Year 6	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12x12.

Have a great weekend.

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### **STAR OF THE WEEK**

**NURSERY- Harry**

**RECEPTION- Gideon**

**YEAR 1- Ali**

**YEAR 2- Year 2**

**YEAR 3- Anika**

**YEAR 4- Evan**

**YEAR 5- Tommie**

**YEAR 6- Yug**



**HEADTEACHER AWARD- Nursery for an excellent start to the year.**

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 95.6%**

**HIGHEST CLASS ATTENDANCE: Year 3 100%**



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