

# The School Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. It is wonderful to have all the children back together again - and a huge welcome to our new Reception Class. The theme for collective worship this week was 'the same but different', the children discussing in their classes what has remained the same on their return to school, what has changed and what we can all do to manage any new changes. Indeed, it has been quite a different start to the school year, but we have been immensely proud of all the children who have adapted so well to the new systems in place. We will continue to keep you updated and thank you for your continued support as we navigate all things new together.

Lastly, thank you so much for the gifts and kind messages sent to staff last term - we all very much appreciate your support and care.

Our best wishes,

Adeola Oladejo (Headteacher) and Senior Leadership Team

## Welcome to...

A very warm welcome to our intervention teachers: Hollie Wells (Y1/Y2), Tugce Dayan (Y3/Y4) and Sarah Heyman (Y5/Y6). Our intervention teachers will be working alongside the class teachers to close any gaps in learning and help all children make the very best progress.

## Contact Information

We will continue to send out letters and updates via email and texts. Please ensure we have the most updated contact information for you.

We may also contact you if we have only one emergency contact listed so that we can have at least two on our school records.

## Back To Green

This week, class teachers introduced 'Back to Green', an emotional regulation programme as part of their PSHE learning. Over the next few weeks, the children will take part in activities and games designed to help manage emotions, understand feelings and develop and expand their vocabulary to describe how they might be feeling. More information about 'Back to Green' will be sent to parents, however, if you would like to find out more in the meantime, do contact the school office to let us know.

## Start and End of the School Day

We are getting there! After a tricky start, we all seem to have settled into a routine that is working with drop-offs and collections. Thank you for your patience.

Some polite reminders:

- Unless pre-arranged with the school, please arrive at your child's designated time. This will help us to control congestion and maintain social distancing as much as possible.
- At the end of the day, please wait across the road from the main gate in the designated areas - this will help to keep the main gate clear during a very busy time and allow children to be dismissed safely. We will call parents to the red gates class by class once each class is ready to leave. Please continue to be patient - thank you!
- Please keep the cycle lanes clear for everyone's safety. Bikes travel at speed over this cycle lane - we are contacting TfL about this and will let you know more. We will also be talking to the children about road safety in class.

## School Streets Programme

As part of the council's People Friendly Streets Programme and Transport Response to Covid-19, Islington are accelerating the School Streets programme. Kingsbury Road, Kingsbury Terrace and Burder Close will close to through traffic during school drop-off and pick-up times, term time only.

From 7 September 2020 vehicles will not be permitted to Kingsbury Road, Kingsbury Terrace and Burder Close from Monday to Friday between the times of 8.30am-9.15am and 3.00pm-3.45pm during term time unless they have been given an exemption. Please see the letter from Islington on our website:

<http://stjudestpaulsnew.ovw2.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=School+Street&pid=337>

## Class Dojo - Coming Soon!

We are excited to introduce Class Dojo to you shortly. Class Dojo is a virtual classroom community where we will share class updates and information. The Meet the Teacher Information sheet will be posted here - more information to come. Please look out for it!

### Some of the changes around our school...



Learning in class with ipads - our table layouts have changed.



Walking through the school sensibly during the staggered start.



There are hand-sanitiser stations between each classroom



We see many children following the new school rules - well done!



We've split our playground in two so that each class bubble can play in their own space.



Our classroom layouts have changed a bit.