

# THINGWALL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7 July 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome to the July edition of our school newsletter and the final one for this academic year. I am sure you will all agree, it has been a really unusual year and we have all faced many challenges and changes to our 'new normal'. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the staff to thank all parents, Governors and pupils for being so understanding, resilient and trusting of our approach. You have all made our job much easier and your support has been really welcomed and valued – THANK YOU. The children in particular deserve a special mention. Whether they have been working hard at home or attending school as a Key Worker pupil, they have all behaved so well, risen to the occasion and continued to work their hardest at all times. Their resilience and adaptability have been impressive. The staff have loved seeing their contributions on the class pages and the school's Twitter page and we have been amazed at the progress they have made, despite everything.



The following information may be useful to you as we move towards re-opening for all our classes in September:

## **Government Guidance:**

We have received several DfE updates last week and we have been busy considering their advice and translating this information into a workable model for Thingwall pupils to safely return in September. The hyperlink below will take parents and carers into the government's official advice for the autumn term...

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

## Thingwall Primary School's September Return to School Plan:

We have used the various pieces of DfE guidance to create the following overview. Hopefully this will help to alleviate some of your worries and clarify some of your questions. If you still have queries by the end of this newsletter please do not hesitate to contact us in the School Office. We have tried to answer concerns the children may have too in this plan, so please share it with them to help them prepare for the coming term.

w/c 02.09.20 unless LA or Government guidance suggests otherwise	<b>RED BUBBLE</b> <b>FS2</b>	<b>ORANGE BUBBLE</b> <b>Y1</b>	<b>YELLOW BUBBLE</b> <b>Y2</b>	<b>GREEN BUBBLE</b> <b>Y3</b>	<b>BLUE BUBBLE</b> <b>Y4</b>	<b>PINK BUBBLE</b> <b>Y5</b>	<b>PURPLE BUBBLE</b> <b>Y6</b>
Teacher	<b>Mrs Leyland</b>	<b>Miss A Collins (M/T/W)</b> <b>Miss Yardley (W/T/F)</b>	<b>Mrs Goulding</b>	<b>Mrs Mitchell</b>	<b>Mrs Holroyd</b>	<b>Miss Arden</b>	<b>Mr Bettridge</b>
Teaching Assistant	<b>Miss Durn/Mrs Hutchinson</b>	<b>Mrs Foster</b> <b>Mrs Sparke</b>	<b>Mrs Jones</b>	<b>Mrs Smith</b>	<b>Mrs Marsland</b>	<b>Mrs Marsland</b> <b>Mrs Smith</b>	<b>Miss Hine</b>
PPA Staff	Miss Durn/ Mrs Foster	Miss Collins/ Miss Yardley	Miss Hine/ Mrs Jones	Mrs Smith/ Premier Sports	Miss Yardley/ Miss Marsland	Mrs Evans	Miss Hine
PPA Day	Monday pm	Wednesday pm	Thursday pm	Friday pm	Wednesday am	Tuesday pm	Tuesday pm
Numbers on roll	30	30	30	30	30	32	25
Morning Playtime – where/when? <i>The playgrounds will be split in half and referred to as 'A' and 'B'.</i>	10.45-11 KS1 'A'	10.45-11 KS1 'B'	10.30-10.45 KS1 'A'	10.30-10.45 KS2 'A'	10.30-10.45 KS2 'B'	10.45-11 KS2 'A'	10.45-11 KS2 'B'
Lunchtime Staffing	Miss Ebbrell – 3 days Mrs Daley – 2 days	Mrs Foster – 5 days Mrs Sparke – 5 days	Mrs Hartley – 5 days	Mrs Dakin – 5 days	Mrs Daley – 1 day Mr Colligan – 4 days	Mrs D Collins – 5 days	tbc
Lunchtime – where/when? <i>The playgrounds will be split in half and referred to as 'A' and 'B'.</i>	12-12.40 Eat in Canteen 12.40-1.10 Play on KS1 'A'	12-12.40 Eat in Hall 12.40-1.10 Play on KS1 'B'	12-12.30 Play on KS1 'A' 12.30-12.40 Wash hands 12.40-1.10 Eat in Hall	12-12.30 Eat in Y3 12.30-1.10 Play on KS2 'A'	12-12.30 Eat in Y4 12.30-1.10 Play on KS2 'B'	12-12.30 Play on KS2 'A' 12.30-12.40 Wash Hands 12.40-1.10 Eat in Y5	12-12.30 Play on KS2 'B' 12.30-12.40 Wash Hands 12.40-1.10 Eat in Y6
Snack time (fruit and milk/water)	10.30-10.45	10.30-10.45	10.45-11	10.45-11	10.45-11	10.30-10.45	10.30-10.45

Afternoon Playtime – where/when? <i>The playgrounds will be split in half and referred to as 'A' and 'B'.</i>	2.00-2.15	2.00-2.15	2.15-2.30				
Drop off time (at classroom door)	8.55	8.55	8.50	8.45	8.55	8.55	8.45
Pick up time (at classroom door)	3.30	3.30	3.25	3.20	3.30	3.30	3.20
Toilets	FS2/Year One toilets by the FS2 Classroom		Year Two/Year Four Toilets by the Year Two Class Room	Year 3/5/6 Toilets by the Year Six Classroom	Year Two/Year Four Toilets by the Year Two Class Room	Year 3/5/6 Toilets by the Year Six Classroom	Year 3/5/6 Toilets by the Year Six Classroom
Assemblies	Mon	Mrs Evans Virtual Whole School Assembly					
	Tues	FS2 – Class Assembly Year 1 and Year 2 – Assembly in Hall Year 3 and Year 4 – Class Assembly Year 5 and Year 6 – Class Assembly					
	Wed	FS2 – Class Assembly Year 1 and Year 2 – Class Assembly Year 3 and Year 4 – Assembly in Hall Year 5 and Year 6 – Class Assembly					
	Thurs	FS2 – Class Assembly Year 1 and Year 2 – Class Assembly Year 3 and Year 4 – Class Assembly Year 5 and Year 6 – Assembly in Hall					
	Fri	Mr Bettridge Virtual Whole School Assembly					
School meal arrangements	Choice between packed lunch provided by home (no fizzy drinks, glass bottles or bars of chocolate please)  <b>or</b> a hot meal deal <b>or</b> a hot Panini picnic bag (provided by Edsential and to be booked via School Money)			Choice between packed lunch provided by home (no fizzy drinks, glass bottles or bars of chocolate please)  <b>or</b> a hot meal deal <b>or</b> a hot Panini picnic bag (provided by Edsential and to be booked via School Money)			
First Aiders	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Mrs Leyland Mrs Hutchinson	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Miss Collins Mrs Foster	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Mrs Goulding Mrs Jones	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Mrs Mitchell Mrs Smith	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Mrs Holroyd Mrs Marsland	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Miss Arden Mrs Evans Mrs Smith *** Mrs Marsland	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Mr Bettridge Miss Hine ***
	Paediatric 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Mrs Leyland Mrs Hutchinson	Paediatric 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Miss Collins Mrs Foster	Paediatric 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Mrs Goulding Mrs Jones				

	Miss Durn	Specialised 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Trained Mrs Foster Mrs Sparke					
Mental Health trained (CACHE Level 2)	Mrs Leyland Mrs Goulding Mrs Evans			Mrs Mitchell Mrs Evans Mrs Marsland Miss Hine Miss Arden Mrs Smith			
Next Steps trained (Social and Emotional Health and Well-Being)	Mrs Goulding and Mrs Hutchinson for FS2 and KS1		Mrs Smith for KS2				
Additional notes	<p>KS1 Playground will be split into half 'A' and half 'B'</p> <p>KS2 Playground will be split into half 'A' and half 'B'</p> <p>School uniform to be worn please but please change daily into fresh uniform to minimise the risk of cross-contamination</p> <p>To minimise changing of clothes for the first term, PE kit will not be worn. Instead children will be expected to change their foot wear into pumps or trainers</p> <p>Toilets may be shared by more than one year group as is the usual arrangement. However the cubicle doors will be clearly labelled up for specific year groups to use</p> <p>*** Denotes staff who have completed the 3 day First Aid In Work qualification</p> <p>Please contact CAPE for information about the before and after school provision if needed on <a href="http://ejfassociates.co.uk">ejfassociates.co.uk</a></p> <p>Until further notice there won't be any extra-curricular clubs</p> <p>Please do not bring any mobile phones or toys into school from home unless by prior arrangement with the class teacher</p> <p>Please see revised COVID-19 appendix to the Behaviour Policy on the school's website</p> <p>Hand washing will take place on arrival at school, before and after break times, before and after lunches and before going home for the day. Hand sanitizer is also available.</p> <p>We will not be accepting visitors into school for the time being, unless by prior arrangement.</p> <p>The classes will stay as separate bubbles apart from a small assembly once a week, where the children will be socially distanced in the hall.</p>						



## **Return to School:**

### **DO BRING -**

*Water Bottles* – The water fountains will be switched off. Therefore your child will need to bring a fresh bottle of water in each day. Please make sure your child's water bottle is clearly named.

*Packed Lunches* – If your child is an infant they will be entitled to a free Panini packed lunch or a hot meal deal each day. If you require this please log onto our on-line system and select your child's preference. If your child is a junior and he/she wants a Panini packed lunch provided by school, please log on in the same way, pay the usual price and choose your child's filling option. As KS2 will be eating in their classrooms we are not offering the hot meal deal so please do not select this option. If you want to provide your child with their own packed lunch then that is fine.

*Home Learning Pack* – Please bring this back to school in September.

*Sunhat, sun cream, sun glasses* – If the weather is sunny you will need these items for your child. If your child prefers, they may like to wear the summer uniform if the weather is warm.

*First Aid* - There will be a designated first aider within each bubble and staff have been provided with PPE for first aid situations.

### **DO NOT BRING -**

Please do not bring in pencil cases or PE kits for the time being. Pumps or trainers can be kept in the classroom (please ensure they are fully named). We are not allowed to use the cloakrooms at present so we need to minimise items brought in to keep the classrooms as clutter free as we possibly can. We will not be changing for PE and the staff will provide your child with pencils etc.

### **Staffing for 2020-2021:**

We have a few changes for September staffing.

- We are delighted that Miss Collins has returned to us from her maternity leave and she will return to the Year One class on a job share basis with Miss Yardley who has worked at Thingwall on a supply basis before. Miss Collins and Miss Yardley have worked together before at Merchant Taylor's School in Crosby so they are delighted to be reunited once again and are already planning lots of exciting topics for their class.
  
- Mrs Fahimi, as many of you will already know, has left her post as Head Midday Supervisor to take on a full time role at Thingwall Nurseries. Whilst we will miss Mrs Fahimi very much indeed, we wish her well in her new position and we can't wait to arrange class visits to the nursery when we study Plants in Science. Mrs Dakin has joined us as Head Midday Supervisor and is well used to our school already as she is currently one of our cleaning team.
  
- Mrs Chisholm has come to the end of her contract with us, after two years as a Teaching Assistant based in Years 2 and 3. We wish her well in her future endeavours.
  
- Mrs Ebbs has come to the end of her contract with us after one term as a Teaching Assistant and we hope to welcome her back on a supply basis in the near future.
  
- Mr Davies, who has covered Mrs Goulding's management time in Year Two for half a day per week, has decided to leave us as he wishes to pursue a career in Special Education. We wish him all the best as he embarks upon this next rewarding phase in his career, we have loved your Forest Schools lessons – thank you very much!
  
- Our lovely Miss Marshall, who has been Year Four class teacher at Thingwall for the past two years, has secured a job as a KS2 teacher in Brasilia, Brazil! This is obviously really exciting news and, whilst we will miss her very much indeed, we wish her the best of luck and love at her new school. Keep in touch and we look forward to hearing from our new Brazilian penpals.

- The talented Miss Brophy, from Premier Sports, has secured a Teaching Assistant position at a school in Spain. This is a really exciting opportunity for Miss Brophy and we wish her all the best – keep in touch, they are lucky to be getting you!



### **Goodbye Year Six:**

Year Six have had a very unusual ending to their primary school time at Thingwall and we will miss them very much indeed. They have been our Paul Fields' Happiness Ambassadors since Year Five and have really led the way to us being awarded Outstandingly Happy Schools Status. You are all 2%ers and, whilst we will miss you all very much indeed, we know you are more than ready for this next big step in your education. Keep in touch and remember to drop by and visit once in a while to let us know how you are getting on. You will always hold a special little place in our Thingwall hearts – you have been a fabulous class all the way through.

*good luck*



*bee your brilliant self*

**11+ Update:**

We have posted the 11+ familiarisation packs out to those current Year Five children who have opted to take the selective grammar school tests. If you do not receive a pack over the next few days please telephone the School Office and we will endeavour to help you.

**Report Reply Slips:**

Hopefully you have all received your child's annual report through the post this week. If you have not yet received it please telephone the School Office. Many thanks to those of you who have sent in your report reply slips. If you have not yet returned your reply slip please send c/o the School Office by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

With very best wishes for a restful, happy and healthy summer

Mrs D L Evans

Headteacher