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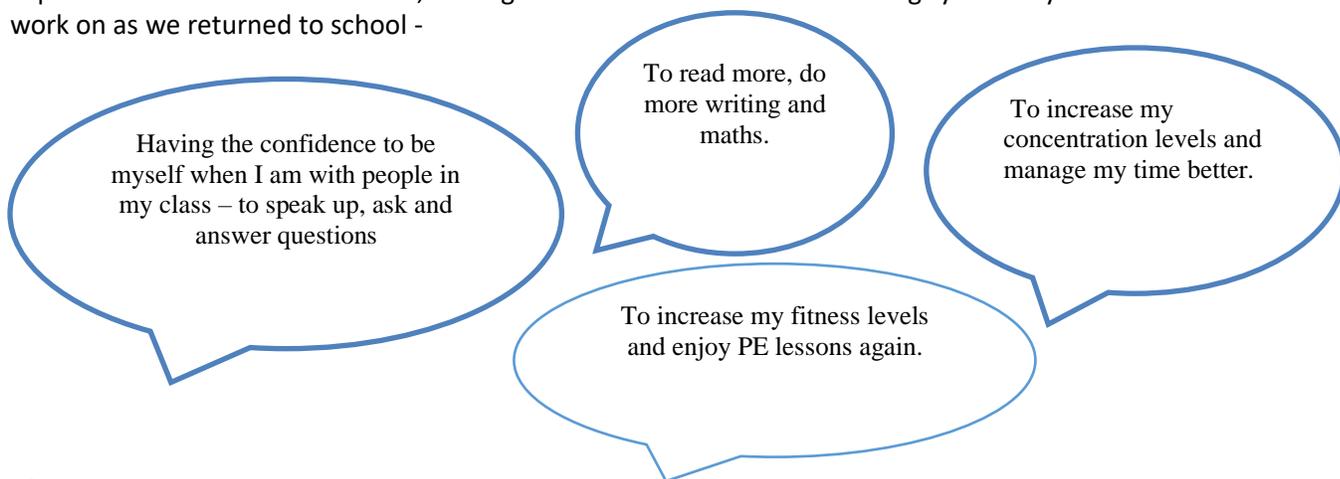
Dear Parents,

It feels quite unbelievable that next week we shall come to the end of September – time is certainly marching on. Though we have seen the rain this week, I am still warmed by the “good mornings” and an occasional “Hola”

We have had the wonders of zoom work to our benefit this week and so we have been able to join our EYFS and KS1 bubble together with our KS2 bubble for collective worship. We have been thinking about people who we are thankful for because they help us. We have encouraged the children to show their appreciation through words and actions.

We have also celebrated with the children the learning they have each undertaken and recognised those who have demonstrated strong learning behaviours and manners.

Having read through the return to school passports, I have been encouraged to learn a little about the experiences of our children and so, I thought I would share some of the things you said you wanted to work on as we returned to school -



Absences

Thank you for keeping Mrs Green well informed of any illness – we have had several children unwell with a seasonal cold this week. By being specific with the reason for your child’s absence, it really assists with our completion of the daily government attendance returns and weekly report to the LA. Thank you

If your child is exhibiting covid-19 symptoms: a high temperature, a new and continuous cough or a change to their sense of smell and taste, please do not send them to school but attempt to get tested. For the normal seasonal snivels, we are happy for them to be at school though acknowledging that you are best placed to know if they are able to manage a day in school.

Government’s Daily School Coronavirus update

I imagine you are aware of the broadcast made by our PM on Tuesday and with this, new national measures which have taken affect. We shall continue to review our school’s risk assessment and inform you of any changes we shall need to make.

Update over the COVID-19 Risk Assessment – following our weekly review

It seems that the new drop off and collection times have worked very well. Thank you once again for your cooperation with the measures we have in place, for ensuring that the start and end of the day

runs smoothly with parents leaving the playground promptly. This has also enabled the teachers to begin the day's learning very soon after 8.45am.

Just a reminder that **Drop off is at 8.45 and Collection at 3pm for all children**

Please continue to respect government advice, by

- being respectful of space and the numbers on the playground
- aim to drop and leave without loitering on the playground as this will allow the children to be seen by staff and at the end of the day, the staff to see which parents are waiting to collect.

Contingency plans

We are continuing to discuss and develop the plans we are asked to draw up around contingency – in the event of a school bubble, local or national lockdown. Our outline plans will be on the school website next week.

School Improvement and Development Plans

We are looking forward to sharing with you our first parental engagement session about phonics. This will be available / take place on Thursday 1st October at 3.30pm via zoom. Please join us by using the link below.

Topic: Phonics for EYFS and KS1
Time: Oct 1, 2020 03:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78711832117?pwd=M2NZMFJ1b3laTmxHbUIJQVVNVIQxdz09>

Meeting ID: 787 1183 2117
Passcode: 00h17y

In this time, Mrs Leport will share an overview about the programme of phonics and how we teach this important skill. After the session, she will post a PowerPoint on the school website under the EYFS class page and it will also be added to the Class Dojo page for Oak and Cherry Tree classes.

We are also working towards a whole school maths café in a few weeks on Tuesday 13th October – details to follow.

People involved in the life of our school this week

This week we have had

Ms Avenal our SENCo in school for a day.

Mr Brewster from the Teaching School – spent an afternoon with Mr Dekker so that they could continue to develop our maths provision through curriculum planning and resourcing.

Mrs Bray and Mr Rzeznik from the Teaching School spent a day with Mrs Humphrey looking at plans for school improvement.

And Mrs Kett met with Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Green.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Mrs Humphrey
Headteacher