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Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic return to school. The children have been full of smiles and have settled back into school routine superbly. They all seem genuinely pleased to be back.

School Routines

The children have been amazing – adapting to the routines, some the same as before and some a little different. We have had to make some adaptations through the week to make things run smoothly for the children and I think we are just about there. Lunchtimes and break times have been interesting to organise - it will be so much easier when the weather improves and we can use the grass areas.

The end of the school day is gradually becoming smoother. This week the biggest challenge has been recognizing parents and grandparents – hoods, umbrellas and masks have made this slightly more difficult. Please bear with us on this one.

World Book Day

Along with their Mother's Day cards, the children will have brought home the WBD token. These tokens can be exchanged for one of the £1 books published exclusively for WBD or they can be used as a contribution towards payment for any book (costing £2.99 or more). The voucher has an expiry date of Sunday 28th March 2021 – but we have been informed that the tokens will be accepted beyond this date. According to the website, 'Participating booksellers will honour the tokens beyond the 28 March while stocks last.'

Red Nose Day

It's Red Nose Day this Friday – 19th March. This will be a non-school uniform day for the children. We are happy for children to look a 'bit silly' for the day (rather than wear a red nose). Children might choose to have 'mad hair' or wear a crazy hat, wear some of the RND merchandise or simply wear something red. There are some fabulous ideas online. We are also going to share and display some jokes around the school site. The children have been asked to think about an appropriate joke they might want to share on that day. Any contributions to the Red Nose Day charity should be made through Parentpay. We are suggesting donations of £1-£2 per child.

Covid-19 Restrictions

Finally, I have been asked to remind parents that we continue to be under covid restrictions and that currently this is likely to impact some elements of school life.

We continue to ask that, where possible, only one person accompanies / collects children to/from school. This will minimise the number of adults on the school site.

We also understand that at this time, parents can form a childcare bubble with one other household for the purpose of informal childcare. We would be grateful if you could ensure that the office or your child's classteacher is aware of any such childcare arrangements.

It's great to be back.

Stay safe,

Stephanie Severn