

'Do Everything In Love' - 1 Corinthians 16 v14



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Dear Children

We now only have a few more days until we break up for the Summer Holidays. I know some of you are looking forward to that and most of you will be pleased to be coming back to school in September.

For those of you who haven't been in school since the end of March, you may be feeling a little worried about what school may be like and how different it might be. I thought it would be a good idea to talk you through some of the things that you might want to know about.

In September...

Firstly, the class you are in next year will be called your class 'bubble' and we have to try to keep the bubbles (classes) from mixing as far as we can. This means that we will not be able to all come into Collective Worship or have the whole school in the hall altogether ☹️. Your class will have their own start time (which will be the same as another class) and finish time. You will come into school using a one way system, coming in the gate by the lane and leaving through the main gate at the front. Your teachers will collect you from the front of the school each morning and take you to your class because you are not able to play in the playground before school like we used to do before we lined up.

We have 3 different times for playtime and each bubble has to stay on their side of the tape/cones that are marked out on the field; this is the same for lunchtime too. You still have to wash your hands regularly, like we did before we went into lockdown and at the end of playtime your class will line up on the playground/field. If you fall over and hurt yourself the Teaching Assistants that are our first aiders will treat you just the same but they will have to wear a visor, apron and gloves to clean you up.

Some of you will have a different time for lunch but it will still be for an hour, so you have time to eat your lunch and play. In the hall you will eat at our tables like before but there will only be 4 of you on a table (Key Stage 1 will be 4-6 on a table). You will still queue for your school dinner but there are some spots on the floor that you will stand on and you will collect your own cutlery. You may sometimes have to have 2 spoons as you serve yourself from the salad trolley with your own spoon. Reception children will be served their salad. All the toilets are in use as always, however, there are only 2-3 children able to go in at any one time.

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In the classrooms (except for Reception) all the tables are laid out facing the front and there will be 2 children to a table. We will be able to use the cloakrooms for your bags and coats but will need to use them a few children at a time. We have to continue to try to keep 2m apart where we can, even at playtimes and the Teaching Assistants will regularly throughout the day wipe down door plates and handles. The water fountain is not in use so each class has a jug of water which one of the adults in each class is responsible for using to fill up water bottles. All reading books that are returned go into a box where they are left for a couple of days before going back on the shelf.

Your lessons will be the same as before you left, but I have asked the teachers to make sure that there are many activities for you to do that are fun and interesting at the start of the term until you are more settled and happy.

You will still all have PE and Ed will be visiting us on Wednesdays as before. You will wash your hands before you do PE and some of the equipment used will be wiped down after it has been used. The teachers who came into give you your instrumental lessons will be back in September, but these will take place in the hall instead of the music room.

In September there will no after school clubs running for the first term. When it is considered safe for children from across bubbles to mix we will start them up again. However, I'm not sure that we will be able to have choir because we are not able to do any singing at the moment.

At home time the teachers will bring you out to your parents who will be waiting (spaced out) on the playground, when you will have to leave straight away as no-one is allowed to stay and play on the playground, playpark or the field.

This sounds like a lot of new rules to learn and get used to but once you are in school and see how it all works you will feel much happier. The children who have been here this term have done really well and got used to it all very quickly. Most importantly for you to know is that if you need a cuddle or hug for any reason, you will be given one!

To help you with all of this I have asked the Year 6s to film a video of how it all works at the moment so you can see it 'in action'. This will be posted on the Teacher's of St. Andrew's Facebook page (because it is too 'big' to go on the website), so look out for it. If you have any questions to ask, about anything or perhaps something I have forgotten to mention please email me head@st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk or telephone me and ask me 01722 503590.

Our grand total this week of all of our reading pages (for those in school) and some parents have sent in their totals from home. We are now at



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Please keep reading over the holidays because when we have a grand total in September we may be ahead of our target!

I'm not talking about my diet any more!!!! ☹️ When things are not successful it just means we have to try even harder and that is what I'm going to do in September!

We have produced a Newsletter for this term but it is too 'big' to email or post on the website. If you are at home and would like one to be posted to you, let us know please before Wednesday. All of our current Year 6 pupils will be given a copy in their Leaver bags.

Please keep safe over the holidays and we will see you all very soon remember

KEEP READING!



Love from Mrs Walker