



17th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some planned changes to our curriculum and school day from after October half term.

MFL

As a school, we have moved to Spanish as our modern foreign language. The reason for this is the fact that we have two fluent Spanish speaking teachers who can support the curriculum and give the children a strong start in KS1 by introducing language earlier. It enables us to offer a Spanish club to enhance learning and we have a strong link with a Spanish school which will provide children with the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of different cultures, traditions and lifestyles. Many of our feeder secondary schools also teach Spanish to their students.

Phonics

The children will start bringing home a reading book for the whole week and we are also working towards providing two Little Wandle scheme books. Some children will also start bringing home a book-banded book after they have been assessed this week.

PE

We have changed our PE providers to Premier Sports. They will be in school with us three days a week and all classes, with the exception of year 3, who are swimming this term, will have two PE sessions a week with them. We have also put in place SEND sports sessions, three free lunchtime and morning clubs, and they will continue with the after-school clubs (though these will be at an additional cost).

The clubs will change termly in line with competitions that we are attending and requests from the children. With that in mind, we will be sending out a questionnaire to the children about what sports clubs they would like throughout the year.

Please see below the new PE timetable for next term.

	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
8:35-8:50	Play leader training – Year 6	Play leader training – Year 5	Premier club - Year 2 multi skills
8:50-9:40	EYFS	Small group PE	Group session PE
9:40-10:30	Year 1	Year 1	Year 2
10:45-11:35	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4
12:05-1:00	Lunchtime Premier club =	Lunchtime Premier club =	Lunchtime Premier club =

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	KS2 football (30 minutes) KS1 football (25 minutes)	KS2 Netball (30 minutes) KS1 Netball (30 minutes)	KS2 football (30 minutes) KS1 football (30 minutes)
1:00-1:55	Year 5	EYFS	Year 3
1:55-2:50	Year 4	Year 2	Year 6
2:50-3:10	SEND PE session 5 and 6	SEND PE Session 1 and 2	SEND PE Session 3 and 4
3:15-4:15	Premier club = KS1 football	Premier club = KS2 Basketball	Premier club = Netball

Clubs

Please see below the club timetable for next term. Children will be able to come and sign up for these on Thursday lunch time. There will also be a club request and suggestion box in my office for next term.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	Play leader training – Year 6	Play leader training – Year 5		Premier club = Year 2 multi skills	
Break	Wellbeing Clubs including Lego therapy and mindful colouring				
Lunch time	Lunchtime Premier club = KS2 football (30 minutes) KS1 football (25 minutes)	Lunchtime Premier club = KS2 Netball (30 minutes) KS1 Netball (30 minutes)	Pokémon Card Club Yoga	Lunchtime Premier club = KS2 football (30 minutes) KS1 football (30 minutes)	Book club
3:15-4:15	Premier club = KS1 football		Premier club = KS2 Basketball	Premier club = Netball	

Morning routine

The school gates will still open at **8.35am** and will be closed at promptly **8.45am**. Once the children arrive at school via the gates, please leave them, and they will be able to walk straight into school by themselves. This means we can leave the doors open for the children to walk straight in. For the first few days, some children may feel apprehensive so there will be many adults at hand to help support and guide them into classrooms. The children will then stay in the classroom where there will be a teacher to greet them. Mrs Phillips, or another member of SLT, and Mrs Buttery will be standing at the gates to answer any queries, questions and take notes to pass on to the class teachers. The reason for this change is to help with parking, more one-to-one time in the morning for individuals and teachers, and to allow us to run the morning clubs on site.

PSHE and Wellbeing

Children and their wellbeing is an essential part of school life. We are privileged to have Mrs Dummigan, our children's mental health and wellbeing first aider who is known and loved by all our children, and who will be at the forefront of our changes.

Any children who need support will now have the opportunity to speak to and spend time with Mrs Dummigan or another trusted adult before the end of the school day to ensure any issues or worries are identified and supported in a timely manner. The children have been introduced to this in assembly through the Bee Safe initiative - hopefully they can tell you all about it. I will be sharing more information about it at the behaviour meeting on Wednesday

night too. Mrs Dummigan will also be running a wellbeing walk-in-hub from Castor Bank and Shop. A massive thank you to FOS for allowing us to do this.

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or feedback at any time.

Mrs S Phillips

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