



FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a wonderful week at the Rookeries, and I think all staff and pupils are all still just so happy to be back! Thank you to all the parents who have given us such positive feedback over the past few days. It makes such a difference to know that you understand how hard we are working to make everything feel as easy and safe as possible in these tricky times.

I have been impressed again this week with how brilliant the children's behaviour has been. I have walked round classrooms every day and in each one, all children have been attentive and focused on their learning. They are doing such a good job of following all our new routines and are getting better at remembering to keep their distance whenever possible, including when they are outside playing with their friends.

I do hope you all have a good weekend and we will look forward to seeing the children on Monday morning.

Kind regards

Richard Grogan

#### **Winter coats**

As we approach the months of autumn, the weather is starting to become much colder. Please remember to wear warm coats to school.

#### **Car Parking**

**Polite request.** Could parents and carers who are able to walk to and from school for drop off and pick-up could you please do so to minimise traffic around school. For parents and carers that do park in the surrounding area please be considerate of the local residents. As a school it is important we work hard to build positive relationships with the local community.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Thank you to those of you who have already informed the office of your requirement for a breakfast club space. As mention in last week's letter, Breakfast club will start on **Monday 28 September** and will run from 8am to 8:45am. There has been a separate letter that has been distributed today to parents and carers with details of how to request a place in breakfast club as we will require **24 hour notice**.

Children that attend Breakfast Club from **8.00 am** will need to line up on the Year 1 and Reception playground. The children will be collected and will enter school through the main reception. For any pupils arriving **after 8.00 am** please report straight to main reception. All children will be required to either sanitize or wash their hands, on entry into school. Children will remain in their bubbles for the rest of the session and will adhere to the social distancing measures we have already around school at all times.

### **Rewards**

At the Rookeries our behaviour approach is centred around positive praise and relationships. We encourage all our children to make the right choices and develop as resilient and independent learners.

### **House Points**

The children are awarded points for a number of different reasons including: being consistently ready to learn, impressive learning behaviour, displaying a positive attitude, completing homework tasks to a high standard and many other important reasons worthy of celebration. House points are then tallied up for the week and count towards an overall total. The winning house earn a gold star on our house point display board and the half termly winners receive a “house” award on the display and an afternoon reward.

### **ClassDojo**

We are currently aligning our house point system to work alongside ClassDojo points. Over the next few weeks, we will be continuing to use ClassDojo much more as a way of communicating with parents, keeping parents and carers updated with relevant class information and sharing your children’s work. Please ensure you have signed up for ClassDojo and let us know if you are experiencing any problems as this will be a crucial communication channel between home and school.

### **Caught Being Good Points (CBG Points)**

Each class receive daily points for attendance, uniform and when they are “caught being good”. Unlike house points, CBG points can be deducted if sanctions have been given. CBG points for each class will be shared in a weekly assembly and be displayed in the hall. The prize for the highest CBG points during the week will be an extra play time or juice and biscuits.

### **Star of the Week Certificates**

A ‘Star of the Week’ certificate will be awarded to one pupil from each class. These children’s names are shared here on the newsletter as well as on their class story in ClassDojo.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Star of the Week</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Nina</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Caitlyn</b>
<b>Year 1/2</b>	<b>Finley</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Isaac</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Daniel</b>
<b>Year 3/4</b>	<b>Rory</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Kobain</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Marshall</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Leyla</b>

<b>Timetable and Reminders</b>		
<b>Phase</b>	<b>Lessons start</b>	<b>Lessons end</b>
<b>Reception Years 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>3.00 pm</b>
<b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>09:00 am</b>	<b>3:15 pm</b>
<b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>09:15 am</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>

**Thank you for your continued cooperation and support**