

Dear Families, Governors and Parishioners,

We have had another great week in school!

We are thrilled with the way the children have settled and are delighted with how they are coping with the new routines in place. Year 6 are being super role models for the younger children, and everyone is taking care of each other and really playing their part.

Drop off and pick up: This has worked well this week, as we all get used to the systems in place. Thank you very much for your co-operation and support in helping us to get things running as smoothly as possible. We will continue to monitor our systems and if we can improve their effectiveness in any way, we will inform you, as promptly as possible, on any changes we make. May we politely remind you that dogs, even when carried, are not allowed on school premises. Also, when using the car park, could we please ask you to be patient and show consideration, as the safety of our children and families is of utmost importance

Breakfast Club: We are looking at possible ways to safely restart our Breakfast Club in the near future. If your child is in Reception to Year 6 and requires a place, please request a booking form from Mrs Ludford. Return the completed form to the school office by Friday 25th September. If we can reopen safely, children will need to be dropped off no earlier than 8am and no later than 8:15am. Anyone arriving after 8:15am will be asked to join their class line to come into school as normal and must be supervised by their accompanying adult.

We will advise parents when plans have been finalised. Thank you for your patience, I know a lot of you have been waiting for information about the club's restart.

Fruit: May we remind you that our Junior children are welcome to bring a piece of fruit to school to have at morning break. (Children in Nursery, Reception Class and Years 1 and 2 receive fruit each day as part of a government scheme).

Jewellery: Just a reminder that children are not allowed to wear ear-rings, or any other type of jewellery, for school. We also ask that children do not wear watches at school during this period, in line with Covid-19 restrictions. Thank you for your co-operation.

PE Kit: Please note that Football tops/strips are not part of our PE uniform and should not be worn. May we also request that children only wear laced trainers if they are able to tie them themselves, this avoids any unnecessary contact.

Our Liturgy and celebration of achievements on a Friday morning is already a huge miss! We are going to celebrate in class however, and will still be totalling our House Dojo points and presenting Star Awards.

We have a welcome mass planned this coming Monday 21st September at 10am. Fr Mark will be leading us in our worship from St John Boste Church for the school families of Our Lady Queen of Peace and St John Boste. Please do join us if you can by accessing the link below:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/penshaw>

Thank you for your support this week, we couldn't operate our systems as smoothly without your help. Take care and have a good weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs E Maher