



Crayke C of E Primary School

'TRY YOUR BEST IN EVERYTHING YOU DO'

Respect Friendship Forgiveness Determination

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now completed our first full week back with the children and we couldn't be prouder of how well everyone has settled. We have taken time to review our systems with the older children and it is evident from talking to them that they feel safe and comfortable being back at school – in fact some even said they like it better because the routines are clearer than before and it means that they always know that they are following the school rules!

School Lunches

Earlier this week, Mrs Dobson, Mrs Bacon and I met with Mrs Yates and Sharon Anderson from NYCC County Caterers to try to agree a way forward regarding re-introducing hot meals at lunchtime. As many of you know we are very keen to do this at the earliest possible opportunity but we need to be able to implement it in a safe and feasible manner. We believe that we have come up with a workable solution which would mean that we can start serving hot meals again with effect from **Monday 28 September 2020**. The menu has been adapted slightly to make the dishes easier to serve more quickly as we are unable to revert to family service at this time. Class 1 will eat in the hall at 11:45am. The hall will then be cleaned before Class 2 eat their lunch in the hall at 12:15pm. To maintain the staggered lunchtime, Class 3 will eat in their classroom at 11:45am and Class 4 at 12:15pm. This causes additional pressure both on school staff who will be required to help serve the lunches and on Mrs Yates who will have three separate areas of school to clean. We will trial the new menu and procedures and review after half term.

Mrs Yates needs to place her food order on Monday so please let us know if you would like your child/ren to now take up a school meal no later than 12pm on Monday 21 September by email - admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk. If your child/ren have been taking a school packed lunch we will assume they will want a hot meal unless we are notified otherwise. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are not charged for their meals.

Books

A reminder that reading books will be sent home each **Wednesday** and need to be returned to school each **Monday** for quarantine. Children therefore only need to bring book bags into school on these days. Please limit the size of the bags and the number of possessions to only those which are essential to avoid congestion in the cloakroom areas.

Illness and Absence

It seems strange writing this as we have experienced some beautiful weather this week, but we are heading towards autumn when the usual seasonal coughs, colds and flu start to appear.

Our priority at school is to ensure the children can catch up with their learning and begin to make progress again, whilst remaining as safe as possible. Whilst we must adhere to government advice regarding Covid-19 symptoms at all times, we do not want children to miss school unnecessarily.

Attached are some useful documents which may help you make decisions regarding whether your child is fit and well enough to attend school. Obviously, this does not override government advice at

any time, which is that if a child displays the below possible symptoms of Covid-19, they should not attend school, they should be tested for Covid-19, and they and their household members should self-isolate until the test results are received (and continue to self-isolate if the test result is positive):

- New, persistent and continuous cough
- High temperature (37.8 degrees Celsius or over)
- Loss of or change to sense of taste or smell

If in any doubt about whether to send your child to school, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Collection

Thank you for your continued patience at home time. Our record last week was having all children off site by 3:34pm, which is probably quicker than pre-Covid! We know that at times there is an unavoidable "bottleneck" due to the logistics of the school site and the location of Class 1 being part of the one-way system. It is still imperative that the one-way system is followed by all, at all times, to keep everyone safe.

Visit church – virtually!

In an example of how we are adapting to a new normal, Mrs Bower has been in contact with Revd. Liz about how she can support Class 2's RE topic about sacred places. Revd. Liz has responded by producing this absolutely fabulous YouTube tour of St Cuthbert's Church and it was too good not to share with you all! <https://youtu.be/Ml8XgGulvj0> Many thanks to Revd. Liz

CHASA news – fundraiser

As you're undoubtedly aware, efforts to raise funds for schools at this time have been somewhat hampered by recent events. CHASA would like to give each child a small gift, so watch out next week for a tube of Smarties coming home in your book bags (quarantined for 48 hours prior). When you have enjoyed eating the chocolates please don't throw the tube away! Instead, we'd like you to fill as much of the tube as you can with loose change and return it to school before the half term holidays.



Stars of the Week and Headteacher's Awards



	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Stars	Olive Beeson	William Swan	Maisy Emsley	Dominic Dawson
		Wynter Brierley	Isaac Copley	Annie Swan
Headteacher Awards	India Ward		Dominic Dawson	

With very best wishes for a safe and socially distanced weekend,

Judi Jackson

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 **Where's Church this week?** 

Sunday 20th September

10.30am - Holy Communion at Yearsley

4pm - Holy Communion at Crayke

You will see elsewhere in the newsletter a link to a video that I made for Class 2 this week. If you would like to come and spend a peaceful few minutes in Crayke church, it is currently open on Thursdays from 9am-1pm and Sundays from 1pm-4pm.

Thanks to those of you who got in touch about the All Age Bible calendars. I still have a few spares so do let me know if you would like one. revliz@trundlebug.co.uk

With best wishes,

Revd Liz