

Scott Wilkie News

Autumn 1 - October 2020



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Message from Mrs Quayum

It has been a joy to be able to welcome back all the children this term. I have been really impressed with the way the children have quickly adjusted to the new normal at school from seeing Reception children carefully following handwashing posters to help keep themselves safe to Year 6 children following the one way system when leaving the classroom to use the toilets. Everyone has now settled into the new drop-off and collection routines and your support in regards to following the times and social distancing is appreciated. As you will be aware, there have been occasions where we have had to close bubbles and I have felt really proud of the way children, parents and teachers have switched between in class and online learning. Now that school is compulsory again, the expectation is that if a bubble shuts your child joins in online live lessons the very next day. Of course we are here to support you to ensure that your child is able to continue their learning at home. Please do get in contact with us if you have any questions regarding this. Understandably, for many of us (children, parents and staff alike) these are uncertain and anxious times. I want to thank you for your support over this very different start to the new academic year and in particular for all your kind words and your understanding, including when we have had to inform you that we have had to close your child's bubble. I want to reassure you, as always, that we will always strive to do what is in the best interests of the children of Scott Wilkie and that we are following all public health and government guidance. I want to thank our fantastic staff for all their hard work during these unusual times and wish them, you and the children an enjoyable half-term. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 2nd November.

Google Classrooms

All children from Reception to Year 6 have individual Google Classroom logins and passwords. Teachers have been training their classes on using Google Classrooms so that should they need to switch at any time to learning online at home the children are ready. Ms Nessa will be setting Reception parents and children a task on Google Classrooms over the half term to give them a chance to practise. I look forward to seeing your work Reception. If you are a parent in Reception and are not too confident with computers then please try to login tomorrow (Friday 23rd October) so that you can ring the school office if you are having any difficulties. Teachers are also setting homework on Google Classrooms to further help ensure that children are able to use online learning.



Are your details correct?



If you have not already, please ensure that you send back your updated contact details as soon as possible. In line with government guidance, we are asking that you provide **three** contact numbers. It is really important that the numbers are correct so that should we need to, we are able to get hold of you or an alternative person in an emergency. To further improve communication, we are asking that you also provide an email address so that we can also email you any letters etc.

Nasal Flu Vaccination

Just to remind you that the nasal flu vaccinations will be taking place on Monday 2nd November. Please note that flu vaccinations can only be given if you have consented for your child to have the vaccination.



Parent Meetings

We are currently planning the delivery of parent meetings which this year be held virtually most likely using Google meetings. These meetings will probably be held on Friday 20th November when school is due to be closed to children for an INSET day. Meetings will take place throughout the day and so school will still remain closed to children on that date. Further details will follow after the half-term holiday.

Important Notice

If a member of your household displays symptoms of coronavirus and/or are waiting for a test result, please do not send your child into school. Please phone the school office to let us know. The symptoms to look for are:

- a high temperature (any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back—you do not need to measure the temperature);
- a new continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours or
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste (a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal).

Is your child starting Reception in September 2021?

You must apply for a place even if your child is currently attending our Nursery . The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021. You can apply online now by visiting www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions . Please contact Mrs Parkes in the office for further details.

School building works

Over the summer, we have had two key improvements made to the school facilities. Firstly, following feedback from a number of parents, we have improved the school reception/office area. It is now more welcoming and spacious and we will be adding seating at a later date. However, in the current Covid climate we are asking you to avoid coming in unless absolutely necessary. Remember you can always telephone or email the school should you need to get in touch with us.



We are also really pleased to have had the reading space installed in the Key Stage 2 playground. For those of you who have been in the Key Stage 2 playground, it is the blue shipping container. I am sure you will know, reading is a key indicator of future education achievement and life success. Reading is a big focus at the school and we have worked hard over the last few years to develop all aspects of reading. With this in mind and to further develop children's



reading, we have installed a reading room in the playground. This large warm indoor space is for children to use at play and lunchtimes should they want to have some quiet time to read. Unfortunately, we cannot open it fully to children at the moment because of the Covid bubble restrictions but we will be filling it with books for the children to read soon. I am really looking forward to the children using the space soon.

We are really pleased that this work was able to take place over the summer holiday even with the Covid restrictions. Thank you to Ms Cleland and to

Matt Robinson for their hard work in ensuring everything ran as smoothly as possible.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available for working parents. There are limited spaces left so if you do need a place for your child, please book as soon as possible by contacting the Tandra in the office. The club costs £1 for each morning and this will need to be paid to the school office by card.

Dates to Note

- Friday 23rd Oct — School Closed INSET day
- Monday 26th — Fri 30th Nov—Half term Holiday
- Monday 2nd Nov — School re-opens
- Friday 20th Nov—School Closed INSET day/Parent Meetings

After School Club

We are able to offer some clubs in year group bubbles. If you would like your child to join a club please speak to Tandra in the office as soon as possible. Club places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MULTI SPORTS YEAR 4 (3.30 - 4.30pm)	MULTI SPORTS YEAR 5 (4 - 5pm)	MUSIC/CHOIR YEAR 4 (3:30 - 4:30pm)	MUSIC/CHOIR YEAR 5 (4 - 5pm)	MULTI SPORTS YEAR 5 (4 - 5pm)
PERFORMING ARTS YEAR 5 (4 - 5pm)	GYM YEAR 2 (3:30 - 4:30pm)	MULTI SPORTS YEAR 3 (3:30 - 4:30pm)	PERFORMING ARTS YEAR 6 (4 - 5pm)	PERFORMING ARTS YEAR 4 (3:30 - 4:30pm)
		MULTI SPORTS YEAR 1 (3:30 - 4:30pm)		MUSIC/CHOIR YEAR 6 (4 - 5:15pm)