

# Mexborough St John The Baptist C of E Primary School

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Headteacher: - Mr A Minor



## NEWSLETTER

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### School opens to all pupils from the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

As you will be aware, school will open to all children from next week (Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021). I am really looking forward to welcoming all of our pupils back and seeing some return to normality for us all. The first two weeks back at school will see a slightly more relaxed timetable to give children the time they need to re-establish friendships, have time to socialise, engage in activities outside, adapt to school routines and expectations and build resilience. During this time, class teachers will also be working with children to help them reengage with their learning and plan for next steps.

### What is school doing to keep pupils and staff safe?

I would like to assure you that all possible measures have been put in place to prioritise the safety of our pupils and staff. Details of safety measures are outlined in our robust risk assessment which can be found on our school website. Below is a summary of some of the safety measures that we continue to have in place. These are in line with government guidance:

- Each class will continue to operate as its own bubble with staggered start times, play/dinner times and home times.
- Children will continue to sit in rows when working in the classroom. This is to limit face to face contact when inside.
- Windows / doors will be opened when children are working inside. Increased air flow will reduce the risk of Covid-19 particles in classrooms.
- Pupils will continue to be taught good hygiene. Pupils and adults will be expected to wash or sanitise their hands thoroughly at key points in the day.
- Enhanced cleaning continues to be in place. All classroom services, bins, door handles, light switches and frequently touched areas are cleaned at key points in the day (before school, dinner time and again after school).
- Any play equipment used outside is sanitised after use / at the end of the day.
- Visitors to school are limited and will rarely enter the building while children are present.
- All adults have their temperature read and sanitise their hands as soon as they enter the building.
- Face masks are used by adults when moving around school.
- All school staff continue to be tested for Covid-19 twice a week.
- Social distancing measures remain in place and staff are expected to limit close face to face contact with children where possible.
- Bubble closures will continue to be implemented if a child or member of staff tests positive for Covid-19.
- School will close early on Friday afternoon to allow for a deep clean as well as safeguarding staffing capacity. The early Friday finish will cease after the Easter Holidays. Hopefully, by this time more members of staff will have received their first dose of a vaccine – further reducing risks in school.

### What can carers and parents do to keep children and staff safe?

In order to help us keep the school community safe can you please follow the following measures:

- Read the risk assessment on our website.
- Follow social distancing measures. Please drop your child off at their allocated time, no earlier or later and remember to stay 2M apart (please don't gather and chat at the school gate).
- Wear a face covering when on the school grounds.
- Encourage your child/children to follow good hygiene and hand washing routines.
- Arrange an appointment with school via phone if you wish to speak to staff. We have limited numbers of staff per bubble so it's not always possible for them to talk at drop off and pick up times.

Thank you in advance for working with us on this matter. I am sure that for many of you the return to school is a welcomed step. However, if you are apprehensive about your child returning please do get in touch. We are more than happy to listen to any concerns and discuss the measures that we have in place.



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The last two months have proved difficult for many families and I understand that some people may be frustrated by the current situation. However, we are all in this together so please remember to be respectful and patient with us if you have a concern.

### Start & Finish Times

F2 Start: 9am	Finish: 3.10pm	Friday Finish: 12.40pm
Y1 Start: 9am	Finish: 3.10pm	Friday Finish: 1pm
Y2 Start: 8.50am	Finish: 3pm	Friday Finish: 12.50pm
Y3 Start: 8.40am	Finish: 2.50pm	Friday Finish: 12.40pm
Y4 Start: 8.40am	Finish: 2.50pm	Friday Finish: 12.40pm
Y5 Start: 8.40am	Finish: 3pm	Friday Finish: 12.50pm
Y6 Start: 8.30am	Finish: 2.50pm	Friday Finish: 1pm
F1 AM session: 8.45am-12.15pm	F1 PM session: 12.15-3.15pm	F1 30 Hour: 8.45am-3.15pm

### Learner of the week

Well done to all children (and parents) who have continued to work hard with their remote learning this week. We have seen some really good engagement across school A big well done to classes F2, Y3 and Y5 for their incredibly high levels of engagement.

	F2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Engaging in remote learning	90%	70	78%	92%	59%	100%	75%

Engaging in most learning	60%	50%	44%	67%	41%	53%	50%
Engaging in some learning	35%	20%	37%	25%	18%	47%	25%

### Remote learner of the week:

<p><i>Congratulations to the following children who have worked incredibly hard to complete their remote learning. Me and Mrs Loftus really enjoyed dropping your certificates off and a having a little chat with you all this morning. Keep up the hard work. We are very proud of you.</i></p>	Isabella	Cassie	Graciemae
			
Jensen	Oliver	Evie	Lacey
			

### Face to face learner of the week:

<p>Congratulations to the following children who have worked incredibly hard in school this week. Keep up the hard work. We are very proud of you.</p>	Ben-Bryan	Millie	Jack W
			
Jackson	Archie	Ryan	Eliza
			

### PE

Please see below, the new PE timetable for current PE days for each class. Children should still come to school in warm PE kit on the relevant days. Here is the link to our school prospectus for more information about suitable PE kit. <https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/prospectus>.

Y1: Tuesday & Thursday	Y4: Monday & Wednesday
Y2: Tuesday & Thursday	Y5: Wednesday & Thursday
Y3: Tuesday & Wednesday	Y6: Monday & Thursday

If you have any questions, please contact the relevant class teacher.

### World Book Day 2021

Just a reminder, we are holding our World Book Day on **Friday 12th of March** so all children will be in school to join in. Children are encouraged to dress up as an interesting word! If you need a little inspiration there are lots of images on Google. There will be lots of exciting events on the day and even A Masked Reader competition! More information can be found via the link [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_h2UEDOKan0&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_h2UEDOKan0&feature=youtu.be)

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mr A Minor

'Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have'. Samuel 25:6