



Life in all its fullness



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PARENT/CARER'S NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this week's roundup – and remember you can also keep up to date at

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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I hope that you and your families are all well. It has been an absolute delight this week to have the children and the staff team back in school. The children have been amazing. I am sure many of them were anxious about their return but they have assimilated back into school with real resilience and good spirits. Our new families have also made an incredibly positive and smooth start to school considering we weren't able to even meet them for transition visits. Many foundation stage children were busy telling their new class teachers that they knew all about the school, because they had seen it in the video! On a personal note, my much loved dad passed away this week and 'having my school back' and the sounds and sights of happy and productive children and the positivity of the staff has kept me going during a tough time.

The new system is beginning to embed as everyone is acclimatising to new routines and I can only thank you for your cooperation with this. I know the circular trek that some of you have to make to drop off around school takes time, but please adhere to this as it prevents congestion. Your feedback has been useful and we will continue to adapt our risk assessment and procedures over time. Maintaining social distance is still important around the site, so, if for whatever reason a pinch point occurs, please be patient and make space for one another.

The basics of good hygiene still remain a priority with the relentless focus on ensuring that hands are clean. To support this, in addition to regularly washing their hands throughout the day, every child will now be required to wash them at other fixed points; including at the start of the school day, and at the end of break time. This will be instructed and supported by our staff. We are also using hand sanitiser in addition to this.

Children are also reminded of the need to 'catch' any coughs or sneezes with a disposable tissue, which then needs to be thrown in a bin.

If you could remind your child of the vital importance of both of these actions, and possibly even provide your child with a small pack of disposable tissues in their bag, then it would be appreciated.

Staff Updates

A warm welcome back after maternity leave to Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Ruffle; it is lovely to have them back with the team. I'm also delighted Mrs Kirby has returned after her travels around the globe and that Miss Nicky Perry who joined the school last year as an intervention teaching assistant is now a trainee teacher working in Year 5. Miss Tilley got married during lockdown so a belated congratulations to her (She is keeping her name) and I'm glad the marriage went ahead albit differently to the original plans! Miss Tapply has got engaged this week, so that put a smile on our faces too. We also have new staff members. Ms Clare Bonus has joined the office team and will work alongside Mrs Uddin at front of house at the end of the working week. Our cleaning team has been boosted with the arrival of our caretaker's parents Rose and Dave Underwood who now clean throughout the school day. We have lots of new members of the teaching assistant team which is fantastic news: Kerry O'Dell, Charlotte Cook, Sam Robinson, Rebecca Dodman, Katie Fisher, Keeley Ruffell, Stephanie Danvers, Sarah Jane Wray and Alexander Lopez Rowntree.

Mrs Manwaring who was our School Business Manager has moved on to a new and very different career as a child minder. After such a long career at Milton School she will be missed. We realise how much she knows about everything and that knowledge base is impossible to replace. DEMAT will be taking over HR and Finance functions, and we are appointing an new office manager, so please bear with us during this half term's transition. We had an interesting first training day as we had to deal with power cuts and a failed door security system but all is working fine now...

Online Learning provision

We have chosen Tapestry to provide our online learning in the event that we have to shut down any bubbles and move over to distance learning, and we plan to develop it as a platform for parental communication as it rolls out. Many of you will remember it when it was used as an online system of recording your child's learning in Foundation. It is now going to be available for all year groups across the school. As a starting point we will post our curriculum letters and newsletters on it to give us all a first experience of using the system. Initially teachers will only respond to communications via Tapestry once a week during their PPA (planning slots) so any urgent communication should come though the office.

I have attached a separate letter for parents in Y1- Y6 with more detail and permission slips. Please complete these as soon as possible. You should receive notification via your email shortly to access Tapestry.

Pupil Achievements

If your child has achieved something special outside of school, please share it with us. Just email me with the details and we will add it to the newsletter

Congratulations to Penny who won a photography competition we publicised last year. It is indeed a beautiful photograph and deserves its winning status.



I also think this photo of Penny with her certificate is rather delightful too!



Cambridge North – Chesterton Partnership

We are writing to update you on the next phase of development at our Cambridge North site – a 40-acre brownfield site adjacent to Cambridge North Railway Station.

These plans are being brought forward by the Chesterton Partnership, which comprises the owners of the land Network Rail and DB Cargo UK (part of Deutsche Bahn) and Brookgate, as their development partner.

As you will know, the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service has launched a consultation on the draft North East Cambridge Area Action Plan (AAP) which runs until early October 2020. This follows two consultations in Spring 2019 and in 2014, and the allocation of the Cambridge North site for development in the adopted Local Plans of South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Councils.

Brookgate have been an active participant in the development of the draft AAP on behalf of the Chesterton Partnership, sharing our resources and experience with the County and District Councils, neighbouring landowners, and other stakeholders. We have also made good progress in developing exciting proposals for the next phase of the Cambridge North site.

With the AAP consultation already underway, this is a fitting time to set out how we can help kick-start the transformation of the wider North East Cambridge regeneration area with the creation of much needed new homes and workspaces, together with new community facilities and open space.

We have set up an online platform: <https://cambridgenorth.commonplace.is/> to share information on the scheme and a Twitter account (@cambridgenorth) to both raise awareness and make it easy for you to view our emerging plans as they develop. We will be launching a formal public consultation later this Autumn. Your help ensuring that interested stakeholders are aware of this would be much appreciated, wherever possible.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Thorpe

For and on behalf of Brookgate

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Anna Reeder