

## Headteacher message

Welcome back to you all. The cold weather is a shock to the system—it is very chilly. Please ensure that your children are wrapped up warm as they will still be accessing outdoor play. At the beginning of the day, we have been encouraging the children to wash their hands using the handwashing stations we have outside. However, as a result of the colder temperatures, the water is incredibly cold. Staff are aware of this and will ensure that children use handwashing facilities in the school before entering their classrooms.

As part of our intensive recovery curriculum provision, we have undertaken a round of assessments to identify children's gaps in learning, class timetables are now more 'formal' with additional sessions included to support our efforts to catch up on missed learning. Children's homework will be closely aligned to their identified gaps and learning taking place in classrooms. Class teachers have identified where additional support or a different approach is needed to close learning gaps for specific children. Google classroom platform will be used to send home learning. If you experience any difficulties accessing this online platform, please let us know.

### Supporting homework

- \* Establish a quiet time and space for your child to complete their homework
- \* Encourage your child to explain their learning to you (children will always be set learning that they have been able to complete in class) - tell them to teach you!
- \* Ensure that they are doing their own work—this is an opportunity for the children to practise a particular skill.
- \* Praise your children for their efforts—children respond well to encouragement and praise.
- \* If your child is finding their home learning difficult, please stop them. Divert their attention to something that they can do well. Use Class Dojo to inform your child's class teacher so that support can be given.

Your support will secure better outcomes for our children.



### Useful links and guidance

#### Guidance for Parents and Carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm\\_source=d009733f-5e56-4074-8490-320fa4e8745d&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=d009733f-5e56-4074-8490-320fa4e8745d&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

#### Guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak#what-you-need-to-know>

#### National Restrictions Poster

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-restrictions-poster?utm\\_source=404427ac-77ab-430b-af39-9a4e783e42b4&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=immediate](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-restrictions-poster?utm_source=404427ac-77ab-430b-af39-9a4e783e42b4&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate) –

This graphical poster displaying information about the national restrictions in England, providing a helpful summary

#### Community support

<https://wimbledon.foodbank.org.uk/>

<https://mlbc.org.uk/>

(Mitcham Lane Baptist church)

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/croydon/>



## Remembrance Day

Poppies are available from the school with a minimum donation of 50p from Monday. Please provide your child with 50p. All proceeds will go to the British Legion. The Royal British Legion is a charity that provides financial, social and emotional support to veterans and members of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants.



## Communication

Please ensure that you check our website and your child's Class Dojo for information and letters/newsletters. We are trying to restrict the amount of paper notifications sent home and will be using our website, text messages and Class Dojo to share information with you. If you have mislaid your Class Dojo log in, please inform your child's class teacher.

## Attendance

### Whole school 95.7%

We are very close to our target of 96%. Well done to everyone!

Group	Presents
Year R	90.5
Year 1	98.3
Year 2	96.1
Year 3	96.1
Year 4	96.3
Year 5	96.7
Year 6	96.5

## Language of the Month

November's Language of the Month is:

### **ARABIC.**

Greet someone - **As Salam Alaykon**

(Ahl sah-LAHM ah-LAY-koom )

Respond to a greeting - **Wa Alykom as-Alam**

(Wah ah-LAY-koom ahl sah-LAHM).

## Our approach to teaching Maths has changed!

Since September we have begun to teach for Mastery in Maths. We have chosen to amend our Maths Teaching and Learning approach because this approach is highly effective in improving all children's understanding and ability to do maths well. Children's confidence grows as they are able to better understand the subject and explore mathematical concepts. Miss Hockey (Maths Subject Leader) and Mrs Ashley (Maths Mastery Specialist) are working together to implement this across the school. It will help to address the gaps that have occurred due to lockdown and enable all children to make the progress that they need to.