SPRING TERM 26/02/21

HEAD TEACHER NEWSLETTER

Happy Safe Aspirations

As we look to welcoming all children back to school in just over a week's time, we can begin to include some of the things back into school life that we have been missing for a while now. ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺
I will revert to producing newsletters to pass on information in one communication rather than emailing out each small piece of information.
I will still be emailing out to all parents regularly so it is crucial that you keep the information we hold in school for your email address and telephone number up to date. ☺

Parents' Evening

Parents evening will obviously look very different this term. We would normally be holding parents' evening around about now, however those of you who have been home schooling will know how much progress your child has made this term while they have been at home with you!
Teachers will send out information about telephone meetings that they will provide for every parent over the next few weeks. As this will take longer for the teachers these will need to be spread out over this half term and we will begin with those children who have been coming into school as their parents will not have as detailed a knowledge about the work that they have been doing. If you have not heard from your child's teacher to book a time slot by 19th March then please contact them directly.

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Breakfast Club

Once we are open to all children, we will be able to start our breakfast club again. To enable us to ensure that children transition back into school life as smoothly as possible, there will be no breakfast club on Monday 8th March. **Breakfast club will start on Tuesday 9th March**. We are not able to book places in breakfast club for children if there is an outstanding balance to settle from last term so **please make sure all outstanding balances are settled** next week.

Timings of the school day

The risk assessment for our full reopening will be going onto the school website next week and I will send out a separate letter detailing the important elements for parents to know then. There will be three start and end times. It is important that all parents strictly adhere to these. Community spread of the virus occurs when large numbers of adults get together in one place and we have been instructed to prevent this from happening. Last term some families were arriving in school early and waiting around on the school grounds until their time slot. We have been informed that we cannot allow this to happen this term. **You will be sent your child's arrival and departure time in a separate email next week**.

The time slots will be:	Drop off	Pick up
	8:40	3:00
	8:50	3:10
	9:00	3:20

Attendance

We have been directed by the government to monitor and report on attendance of children in school, as we would have done in normal circumstances. We will be meeting with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) within the next few weeks to discuss children's attendance prior to this lockdown, their engagement with remote learning during lockdown and attendance in school (this term for children who have been in school during lockdown and from 8th March for all children).
In order to ensure that the periods of lockdown that we have had over the last 12 months do not have a lasting impact on your child's learning, it is crucial now, more than ever, that from Monday 8th March your child comes to school every

day, on time. Please make sure that you keep us informed if there is a reason your child will not be in school by telephoning the office by 9am on the day they are absent. We need to keep detailed records of reasons for absence to enable authorisation where possible and to report back to the EWO.

Food Parcels

While ever it is needed, we will continue to attempt to source food donations to support our families who are finding the current situation challenging. Please let us know if you would like a food parcel putting together by emailing head@daven.cheshire.sch.uk
I will continue to email this reminder out weekly, however if you find yourself in the position of needing a food parcel, you can email me **at any time** and we will put one together for you. We would rather the food was used than stayed sitting in the cupboard in school.

Devices Loaned out from School

If you have been making use of a school device during lockdown to support your child's learning, please make sure that you return it to school so that we can format it so that the children can use it in their learning.
If possible, please return it **on Friday 5th March**. We appreciate that this may not be possible for all families; in this case please ensure that it is returned on Monday 8th March.
Bring the devices to the school office so that your loan agreement can be cancelled. **Please do not give it to your child to take into school.**

Staffing

Mrs Edwards will begin her maternity leave in a few weeks' time. Miss Sambrook will be joining us at Daven to teach children in year 2. Miss Sadat will be staying in year 2 to support Miss Sambrook and help her get to know the children as quickly as possible. Miss Short will also be providing additional support as necessary during this transitional period.

Holidays

The holidays for the next academic year have now been approved by the trustees of the MAT. If you are planning a family holiday care should be taken to make sure that this will not impact upon your child's attendance. Schools do not have the ability to authorise general family holidays outside of term time.
School must report any unauthorised absences to Cheshire East for them to make a decision whether a fine should be issued to parents. This decision is not anything to do with the school.
A larger copy of these term dates can be found on the school website at: www.daven.cheshire.sch.uk

Term Dates 2020/2021

School Opens	School Closes
Autumn Term	
Wednesday 2nd September 2020	Thursday 22nd October 2020
Half Term from Friday 23rd October until Monday 2nd November 2020	
Tuesday 3rd November 2020	Friday 18th December 2020
Christmas Holiday from Saturday 19th December until Sunday 3rd January 2021	
Spring Term	
Monday 4th January 2021	Friday 12th February 2021
Half Term from Saturday 13th February until Sunday 21st February 2021	
Monday 22nd February 2021	Wednesday 31st March 2021
Easter Holiday from Thursday 1st April until Sunday 18th April 2021	
Summer Term	
Monday 19th April 2021	Thursday 27th May 2021
Half Term from Friday 28th May until Monday 7th June 2021	
Tuesday 8th June 2021	Wednesday 21st July 2021

INSET Days - **Tuesday 1st September; Friday 23rd October; Monday 2nd November; Friday 28th May; Monday 7th June**

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Half Term from Saturday 23rd October until Monday 1st November 2021	
Tuesday 2nd November 2021	Friday 17th December 2021
Christmas Holiday from Saturday 18th December until Tuesday 4th January 2022	
Spring Term	
Wednesday 5th January 2022	Friday 18th February 2022
Half Term from Saturday 19th February until Sunday 27th February 2022	
Monday 28th February 2022	Friday 1st April 2022
Easter Holiday from Saturday 2nd April until Monday 18th April 2022	
Summer Term	
Tuesday 19th April 2022	Friday 27th May 2022
Half Term from Saturday 28th May until Monday 6th June 2022	
Tuesday 7th June 2022	Thursday 21st July 2022

In-service Training Days (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 1st September 2021
Monday 1st November 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Monday 6th June 2022
Friday 22nd July 2022

Bank Holidays (school closed to staff and pupils)

Monday 2nd May 2022

The Daven staff team really can't wait to have all of the children back in school.
Take care
Mrs Whitehead ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺