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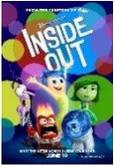
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### Mrs James' Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to the new school year! I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break. We have a busy, fun-filled year ahead of us; we are very excited and are already getting cracking!



The whole school is currently enjoying getting to know their new class friends and teachers by studying the content of the film Inside Out. The materials we are using to enhance learning have been recommended as a high-quality teaching tool to allow children to discuss mental health and focus on strategies for keeping our mental health healthy. The teaching looks different throughout school but is allowing the children a common interest to discuss at playtimes.



### Staff Changes

We have had a few changes to our staff team over the summer. They are as follows:

- Mrs Brocklehurst remains on maternity leave
- Miss Wilson remains on maternity leave
- Mrs Overton remains on maternity leave
- Mrs Moore is delighted to share with you her pregnancy! Her baby is due at the end of November.
- Mr Walker is welcomed as our Year 1 class teacher
- Mrs Woodhouse is welcomed as our Year 3 and 4 Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Rick is welcomed as our Year 5 and 6 Teaching Assistant



### PE Kits

We will be continuing to utilise the great outdoors for as long as possible. Please ensure that your child has a **PE kit** in school throughout the week. If you would like to donate any spare PE kit that your child has grown out of, we would be more than grateful to be able to ensure all children participate in PE even on days when they have forgotten their kit. If for any reason your child does not participate in PE, we will be contacting you via text with a reason why.





## Swimming

Swimming will continue every Tuesday afternoon for Year 4 until Christmas. Unfortunately, Rebecca Adlington Swimming Baths have limited the number of children we are able to take for swimming sessions this year. This means that Year 3 children will not be swimming and will remain in school for their learning. In line with DFE guidelines, children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who cannot swim 25 metres unaided will attend school swimming sessions for a 5-week intensive course in January.



## Amazing news!

Miss Ainsworth has been very busy working with the Royal Ballet School of London who will be supporting school in delivering Ballet skills to Year 3 every Friday morning this half term. This is a fabulous opportunity for the children who will all be assessed with the possibility of being offered further tuition at Manor Academy. We will keep you updated on the children's progress.



## Star of the Week Assembly

Due to The Royal Ballet School's availability, Star of the Week assembly will now be held at 9am on a Monday morning. This will allow a lovely positive start to the week and hopefully allow for a little bit more weekend planning time for you to arrange to join us for our celebrations. Look out for the letters coming home on a Friday.



## Clubs and Residential

Our Heatherley after school wrap-around care club has reopened for business and continues to be a huge success. Miss Page and Miss Wood are having a lovely time providing care for children between the hours of 3.30pm and 5.30pm. There is still some flexibility if you would like to sign your child up. The cost is £7.50 per day including a snack, and we can work around your working week. Thank you for all of your lovely comments and praise; it really does make a difference to us.

Breakfast club is busier and more popular than ever, especially with our new opening time of 7.45am as requested by you. Please let the office know if you would like your child to attend at a cost of £2.50 per day.

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be attending fantastic residential stays this year.

**Years 3 and 4** – Sherwood Forest April 2020 for 1 night

**Year 5**- Walesby – July 2020 for 2 nights

**Year 6** – Hagg Farm June 2020 for 2 nights

The details of our exciting experiences for the children will be sent to you closer to the time.



Our autumn enrichment clubs are in the process of being organised. Keep checking your child's book bags for information on the following:

Day	Club	Teacher
Monday	KS2 Karate	Mr Harrison
	KS2 Art	Mr Herring
	Biscuits and Books Yr 2 to Yr 6	Mrs Rickard
	KS1 Lego	Miss Lee
	Yr 3 Lego	Miss Hooper
Tuesday	KS1 Choir	Miss Ainsworth
	KS2 Choir	Miss Lindley & Miss Wells
	KS2 Football	Mr Burgess & Miss Swinscoe
Thursday	KS2 ALF	Mrs Morgan

Further lunchtime clubs are currently being organised and will be communicated to you via specific year group letters shortly.



### 30 Hour Entitlement for 3 Year Olds

Our 30-hour provision for 3 year olds is now up and running in school. Please check our website or contact the school office if you think this provision could help and support your family.



### School Systems

**Play times:** we have talked with staff and children and have all decided to keep Key Stage 1 and 2 play times split. The children much prefer having more space and equipment to play with and in view of the weather changing and the possibility of the field being out of commission sooner rather than later, it is the best way of providing nice play opportunities for the children.

**Behaviour Systems- Good on Green:** we are continuing our system in school that is consistent across all year groups. Our Good on Green system is a basic traffic light system, which resets at the beginning of every day to give the children a safe and structured way to learn from their mistakes. **Green** means that the children are coming to school and are following the school rules as they have agreed to do. **Yellow** means there has been an incident in which the child has broken a school rule or has made a wrong choice. This will have resulted in a school-based warning. We will discuss it within school and allow the children to learn from their own mistakes. **Red** means the child will have a consequence for their behaviour and we will inform you of the incident leading to this. We will continue to use our very popular house points system in school to reward positive behaviour.

**Year 5 and 6-** Following our huge SATs success last year, we will be continuing to work in a similar way with our older children in school. Your children all have set teachers and classrooms but will continue to be placed in fluid groupings for some of their learning. The staff in Year 5 and 6 are teachers Mr Herring, Miss Lindley and Mr Harrison supported by teaching assistants, Mrs Robinson and Miss Rick. This will also keep learning time pupil numbers smaller as the Local Authority continue to allocate us more pupils.



## MacMillan (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019)



Our support will continue for MacMillan Cancer Support this year. We plan to ask you all to join us for a morning and afternoon cake sale with a drink for a small charge, any donations for the cake sale would be gratefully received. As usual, all proceeds will go directly to this very worthwhile cause.

## Fundraising



Thank you for all your support last year and all your contributions towards our fundraising activities. Money raised has gone towards redesigning our courtyard with a new racetrack, bike sheds and traffic signs along with new scooters, balance bikes and helmets for our children. Well done!



## Brexit

Nottinghamshire County Council have asked me to inform you that they are working closely with their suppliers to ensure smooth running of schools catering services through the Brexit process. If any disruption occurs regarding food supplies, we will inform you of any considerations that may affect you children.



## In Service Training Days

School will be closed to children on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019. This is the day before we break up for our two week half-term holiday. All staff will be completing School Improvement training in line with the new Ofsted Framework of expectations. Other planned INSET days are Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

Many thanks once again for your help and support,

*Sarah James*

Mrs. Sarah James  
Head teacher

