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5th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday. Please do remember to look at the Parent Handbook sent out last week as well as the reminders you will find below. It was great to see so many of you yesterday in our Zoom assemblies to mark World Book Day. From next week the children will all take part in two Zoom assemblies a week to ensure they feel part of the whole school, when so much of what we do involves the children spending time in their bubble.

Positive cases w/b 1st March

We have had no positive cases this week.

Safeguarding

Staff have all attended recent safeguarding training focused on the importance of **Pupil Voice**. It is part of our daily ethos at Mousehold to make time and space to listen to children. Sometimes children ask if they can talk to a trusted adult and sometimes we see that a child would benefit from talking. In our busy lives it is important that children understand that their opinion, thoughts and feelings are valid.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours then the number to ring is:

CADS – Children’s Advice and Duty Service - **0344 800 8020**.

Return to School A reminder of the timings of the day are as follows.

Class Bubble	Year	Timing of day
Barn Owl	2	8.50am – 3pm
Raven	2	8.35am – 2.45pm
Kestrel	2	8.50am – 3pm
Skylark	1	8.50am – 3pm
Swift	1	8.35am – 2.45pm
Swallow	1	8.50am – 3pm
Greenfinch	R	8.35am – 2.45pm

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Goldfinch	R	8.35am – 2.45pm
Chaffinch	R	8.35am – 2.45pm
Kingfisher	N	Normal times for sessions AM and PM. 8.30am or 12 noon.

It is also important that:

- Face coverings are worn where possible.
- Please don't sit on the benches outside classrooms when waiting for your children.
- At least 2m distance between parents on the playground.
- Parents do not enter school beyond the entrance foyer.
- 1 family in entrance foyer at a time.
- Parents arrive no earlier than 5 minutes before your child's start or collection time.
- Please don't use the playground equipment before or after school – this will start to be used during the school day by a different bubble each week.

If you use **other childcare providers** or out of school activities for your children, please seek assurance that the providers are carefully considering their own protective measures. Please follow this link to the government [guidance for parents and carers](#) and this can support your decision making

If you use **public transport** to get to school then please remember to wear face coverings where possible.

It is important we all stick to this for our systems to be as safe as they can be.

VLE and Facebook

The VLE and Facebook have been an excellent way to share learning opportunities and celebrate learning and fun times at home. From Monday they will be used differently.

VLE

This will continue to be used as a remote learning platform for children who have to self-isolate and teachers will ensure there is work on there for these children. It will not be used as a communication tool between teachers and parents. If you have any messages for teachers please go through the school office.

Facebook

This will be used as it was in the Autumn Term for reminders of dates, events, school news and community projects. We won't have daily posts of children's experiences at home, because they will all be in school from Monday. The messenger function won't be in use to receive any photos or messages for staff. If you have any messages for teachers please go through the school office or talk to them at the classroom door.

Thank you to The Giggly Goat – Lower Goat Lane

One of our members of staff entered a draw to win some books written by local author Douglas Vallgren and illustrated by Karl Newson. And we won! We have won 10 copies of Rupert the Dinosaur to say thank you to Key Workers. We have so many key worker families we have decided that each class will receive a copy. As a school we applaud all key workers. You do a fantastic job!

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Welcome back messages from class teams of staff:

Hello everyone,

I am so incredibly proud of you all. Some of you have been in school every day and some of you have been at home throughout these last few weeks. You have all shown perseverance and stamina. I am so excited to see you all back at school. It's where we all belong. Take care everyone and I look forward to Monday.

Mrs Westall

Hi everyone,

I am really looking forward to seeing you all next week and having our whole school back together, it hasn't been the same without you. I know that all the teachers have lots of exciting activities planned for you and it's going to be great fun! See you all next week!

Mr Tolson

Hello Greenfinch Class,

We are very excited to welcome you back to school on Monday. Thank you for working so hard at home, it has brought us so much joy to see the new skills you have learnt with your grown-ups this term. We are so proud of each and every one of you. We look forward to you all being in class next week where we can continue to learn and laugh together again.

Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Briggs and Miss Pidgen

Hello Swallow Class,

We are sending this message to let you know how excited we are to see you Monday! During our home learning we have felt so proud of you all and the wonderful work you have produced. We hope you have enjoyed all of the activities and our weekly zoom calls.

Please let us know if you have any questions or worries, we are here to help. It may feel overwhelming Monday, but we are in it together and we have so much fun awaiting you at school.

We have missed you all very much and I cannot wait to finally meet you all in person!

We are looking forward to welcoming you back Monday, until then have a great weekend, we will be seeing you very soon.

Miss Roberts, Mrs Thirtle & Mrs Lilley.

Hello Raven Class,

You have worked incredibly hard at home and we loved seeing photographs of your learning and projects. You should be very proud of yourselves. Thank you to the adults at home for supporting the home learning so brilliantly. The classroom and outdoor area are ready for us to have lots of fun learning together once again. We are so excited to see you in school very soon!

Miss Jay and Miss Smith

Hello Skylark Class,

We just wanted to say how much we are looking forward to seeing you next week and having the whole class back together again. We have a new member in our class too, so that is exciting. Although we have seen some of you in school or on zoom, it has been a long time to be away from your class, your friends and teachers and some of you may be feeling a bit worried. We will have lots of fun activities, playing, stories and a chance to talk, to help you feel happy and settled. School will soon look lovely with all the bulbs you planted in the autumn too. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Woodward, Mrs Graham, Miss Spurling and Miss Oliver

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Hello Swift Class,

We hope you are all well. We have missed seeing your faces every day and we have especially missed the laughter, joy and fun that takes place in swift class. It has been so lovely to see your smiley faces over zoom every week, but it will feel even better to see them in person. On Monday, you might be feeling worried or nervous about coming back to school, this is normal, and others might be feeling the same. Together we might feel this way but remember swift class is a kind, helpful and caring environment. The spring term has arrived along with the sunshine which we can enjoy with friends, at playtime and in our learning. We cannot wait to see you.

Take care and have a fantastic weekend.

Miss Parke and Mr Seaman.

Hello Kingfisher Nursery,

We can't wait to see you all again, it hasn't been the same without you. We've missed your wonderful energy, playing in the secret garden, making tasty meals in the mud kitchen, getting arty and crafty and our calming story times. Everyone here has been busy getting the room and garden ready - and you'll find a few fun surprises waiting for you. Look out for the bubbles coming from the Secret Garden next week to welcome you back.

Miss Wood, Ms Brown, Miss Oliver, Mrs Yallop, Miss Bale, Mrs Coroado.

Hello Chaffinch class,

I just want to say hello to all of you and your families. I hope you're all well and looking forward to coming back to school next week. Mrs Desouky and I have missed you lots and can't wait for you all to come back and for us to work, play and dance together again!

Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Desouky.

Hello everyone,

I get to teach so many of you throughout the school week, I'm really looking forward to seeing your smiley faces again. Many of you know that even though I'm a grown up I really love learning new facts about our world as much as you do, so it will be great to do that again next week. I'm sure you've got lots to amaze me with! See you all very soon!

Mrs Abeyta

Hello Goldfinch Class!

We are really looking forward to spending time playing with each of you next week and it will be lovely for you to see all your friends again. We are going to be learning lots about owls over the next few weeks. We will be drawing and painting owls and finding out lots of fun facts too. Take a look on our VLE to see our 'Welcome back video'. Look carefully and you might spot Mrs Symon and Mrs Webster too! See you Monday.

Mrs Allen, Mrs Jennings, Mrs Webster, Mrs Symon.

Hello Kestrel Class,

We are really looking forward to seeing you in person next week and having our whole class back together. It has been a long time to be away from school and some of you may be feeling a little wobbly about returning. That's a normal feeling. We will have lots of opportunities to play with our friends, share our experiences, have stories and most importantly help you to feel happy and settled back at school, ready for learning. I think I may be too excited to sleep! Have a lovely weekend. X

Mrs Coathup, Mrs Woodward, Mrs Baikie & Mrs Gardiner

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Dear Barn Owl Class,

We are really looking forward to seeing you all again next week. We can't wait to finish reading our class chapter book – The Boy Who Grew Dragons. We have lots of exciting activities planned and we have also learnt lots of new jokes to share with you!

See you soon,

Miss Balachandre and Mrs Furness

As we approach the weekend before school starts again, please take time for yourselves, be proud of all you have achieved the last few weeks and look forward to brighter days.

Thank you for your incredible support and cooperation through this time.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Westall

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