



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Children and Governors.

There is just one sleep to go until we see the return of all pupils into school – the pencils have been sharpened, cloakrooms cleared and alarms set – we cannot wait to welcome everyone back! You may have seen our school appear in the education section of the Salisbury Journal again this week following an interview with Mr Robinson and Mrs Short where they shared how wonderful it will be to have our school community together again. The school day remains the usual hours for all year groups, with arrival from 8:30 until 8:45 and pick-up time at 3pm. We kindly ask that all adults and children of Secondary age and older wear face coverings whilst waiting at these times, unless medically exempt, and maintain a social distance from other households whilst queuing at the gates.

Staff have planned a thoughtful sequence of activities to support the reintegration of our children into school this week, with a "New Beginnings" theme at the heart of this, focussed on rebuilding resilience and readiness to learn. We know that for parents will also bring a host of different emotions: relief that your child is returning to school again; worry about how they will readjust; joy that you can attend your own zoom work meetings without a small person in the background! – plus many, many more feelings. Please be reassured that teachers will of course contact you where they need to, but that you can continue to reach out to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about how your child is resettling into school as well. You can also contact our Pastoral Manager and Designated Safeguarding Lead, Ms Batchelor, who will also be signpost parents to support, including Family and Community Learning groups or help you with any particular well-being needs that may have arisen during this lockdown for your family.

International Women's Day 2021

The return to school coincides with International Women's Day, which is held annually on 8th March to raise awareness and challenge gender inequalities that our pupils could encounter in the world beyond school, particularly in sport, business employment and technology. We are incredibly fortunate in our Amesbury Community to have a number of inspirational women, including our Head Girl, Isobel, who has recorded a special message for International Womens Day to inspire all of our school community, male and female, to #ChooseToChallenge gender inequality. You can find this on our social media pages from Monday.

World Book Day

This week concludes with a belated Amesbury 'World' Book Day. All children (and staff) are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and, if possible, bring a copy of the book with them to share with their peers. There will be a host of activities within classes to promote our shared passion for reading. Wed really love to see how you share a love of reading at home too, so don't forget to send us any photos or video clips of you sharing stories together at home for us to add to the newsletter next week.

Running Bug

It would appear that this latest lockdown has allowed for a love of running to grow in our school community. Following on from young Owen's footsteps we have another charity runner in our school family. Zack, in Year 5, has pledged to run a total of 62miles during the month of March to raise money for Cancer Research. Look out for his JustGiving link to be added to social media soon.

Bishop of Salisbury

The Bishop of Salisbury has announced that he is to retire on 3rd July. Please keep Bishop Nicholas and his wife Helen in your prayers as they prepare for this move in the summer.

Wishing all of our school community a peaceful remainder of the weekend and happy week ahead!

*Yours sincerely,
Senior Leadership Team*

Welcome Back Everyone! It's our community that makes our school what it is – can you find your name in the word art below? (Also available to view on our Facebook page)



School return on March 8th - Key information for parents

- All pupils to return on Monday 8th March; school uniform to be worn and book bags, etc. are allowed. Children should continue to attend school in their P.E. kit for P.E. days only.
- The school will be operating in Year group bubbles as we were operating before Christmas, with children working in their usual classes.
- To allow staff time to fully prepare for the return of all children, we will not be hosting live sessions on Zoom on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th of March, but there will be learning activities posted onto Class Dojo.
- Entry and Collection to school will continue to be from the allocated entrance points for different year group bubbles. Arrival for all pupils is 8:30-8:45am and collection time is 3pm.
- Masks must be worn on by all parents at collection and pickup times, unless medically exempt. Please do not enter past the inner gates unless invited by a member of staff.
- Wrap around breakfast and after school club will continue to run as it has done since Christmas, including a 4pm finish which we are hoping to review for after Easter.
- School is currently awaiting further guidance on the possibility of summer term school trips and educational visits, including school events towards the end of the summer term.

PTA schools Lottery

Please support the school PTA by joining <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/> to be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes! Fundraising is difficult for the PTA given the current situation, so any support or donations will be very gratefully received during this time. Thank you everyone for your ongoing support! Please contact the PTA on accepta2019@outlook.com if you have any further queries.



Amesbury Roll of Honour

LOCKDOWN LEARNING

Well done to all of our children for your efforts when learning from home. The following children particularly impressed their teachers over the past 8 weeks.

Scarlett R, Jessica M, Daisy H, Sophie G, Finnigan N
Jack W, Nathaniel H, Sophia R,
Penny H, Brooke M, Alex H, Ariana B, Jenice A, Liam H Gracie-Mae G ,Aggie M,
Charlie H, Charlotte W, Gabriella C, Grace S, Isaac B, Jacob H, Jacob M, Owen H,
Pippa D, Ryland B, Jack T.

Prayer of the week:

*Lord, your justice reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness into the clouds,
We give you praise for your generous love,
That does not treat us as we deserve,
But gives us more than we could ever hope for.*

Amen.

Travelling to school safely

With schools returning to face to face learning from 8 March, the Department for Education (DfE) is encouraging schools to share the following messages on how pupils can travel to and from school safely:

- if you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- if you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey
- when you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:
- wear a face covering (unless you are exempt, including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
- social distance where possible
- wash or sanitise your hands regularly
- be considerate to fellow passengers and staff

HM Government

Back to school

Walk, cycle or scoot to school where you can.



STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

Our School Vision & Values

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart”

Colossians 3:23

To allow all members of the community to be the best versions of themselves possible through our Christian values of:

- ❖ Dignity
- ❖ Kindness
- ❖ Endurance

Leading to learners who *work hard* and *show compassion*

**Lessons In
School**



DRUMS GUITAR AND

**LIMITED SPACES NOW AVAILABLE
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PLEASE CHECK WHICH INSTRUMENTS ARE
AVAILABLE IN YOUR SCHOOL

