

# PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7 September 2020

Dear Parents

It was lovely to see all the children back in school last week after what was a very long time for many during these uncertain times. I know it was not an easy time for anyone and I hope that you are all coping as well as you can and keeping safe.

As you know, there have been some changes at school. The children and staff are now in coloured bubbles and are coping amazingly well. We did have to stagger start and finish times and I understand that this may have caused some problems for some of you. I am sorry if this has impacted upon you in any way. We did our very best to make the changes work for the children.

Please accept my apologies for any confusion that these changes may have made and I am aware that some of you may not have received the correct information. Again, please accept my sincere apologies if this was the case.

Despite the current restrictions that Covid has caused, we do have some wonderful activities and lessons planned for this term and I am sure the children will have an enjoyable time.

If you have any concerns or worries please do contact either myself, Katie or your child's class teacher and we will be happy to discuss these with you.

Sadly, last term we had to say goodbye to some staff, Michelle, our school secretary, Katy R and Teresa, Special Needs Assistants (SNAs), and Patience, catering. Lauren Denton is leaving us temporarily as she goes on maternity leave. We will let you know when she has her baby. We wish them well in their new roles. This term, we are delighted to welcome new staff, Suzy, our new school secretary, Jamie-Leigh and Chris H, our new SNAs, Rachel, catering and Cristina (Kris) our new teacher in Meadow class. We also welcome Sharon, occupational therapist, back from maternity leave.

We sadly said goodbye to some of our students who are moving onto other schools and colleges, Patrick, Tommy Le, Tommy La, James G, Kai and Damone. We wish them the very best success for their futures.

## **Community Visits**

Community visits will be restricted this term to outdoor activities, for example, walks on Headley Heath. These visits will increase as restrictions hopefully reduce in the near future. We will keep you up to date if this changes.

## **Activities Programme**

Again, the activities programme has been affected by Covid-19. I can confirm that some children will be taking part in cycling. Unfortunately, swimming and horse riding are currently not allowed.

Akademy Dance will continue their programme with us virtually.

### **Lunch and Snack Money**

This is now £2.50 per day which you may pay daily, weekly or termly. This should be paid by ParentMail along with any school uniform that you have purchased. New parents can pay by cash until their ParentMail account has been set up. Money should be sent into school in an envelope with your child's name on it.

### **P.E. Kits**

If you have not already done so please ensure your child has a P.E. Kit consisting of a white t-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name and are in a bag also with your child's name on it.

### **Contact Forms**

At the beginning of each Academic Year we update our contact records. Please complete and return the attached Contact form, Medical forms, Dietary Needs form and Digital Use form as soon as possible. I am sure you all appreciate that it is vital we have up to date details at all times.

Best wishes

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Head Teacher