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### **Message from Mrs Fielding**



It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome back our pupils this week. I have been immensely proud of all the children, who have returned to school with happy smiles and a positive attitude. Our nursery and reception children, some of whom started school for the very first time this week, have been absolutely brilliant and have enjoyed playing in the newly refurbished Early Years Unit. Well done all of you! Over the summer holidays, some of the refurbishment work within the 'School House' on Church Road began and this will be completed soon. The roofing contractors came to visit school to plan the roof replacement in the summer holidays and this work will begin at the end of September. We're looking forward to all these upcoming site improvements!

### **Staffing Update**

Sadly, Mrs Whittaker will be leaving us at Stamford Bridge Primary School to focus on her music commitments. Mrs Whittaker has been a much-valued member of the team at Stamford Bridge for over ten years. Mrs Whittaker has made a huge impact on the music curriculum within school. She produced the Year 6 end of year shows, which were absolutely fantastic and inspired many children to sing, play instruments and perform. Mrs Whittaker will be greatly missed. We wish her every success in the future.

### **Start and end of day arrangements**

A huge thank you to everyone for following the 'bubble' entrances for each key stage. Parents are welcome to come onto the playground assigned to their bubble to drop off and collect their children. The playground is marked in 2m dots to allow social distancing.

We are working hard to protect the integrity of the 'bubbles'. As such, all Y3/4 and Y5/6 pupils must enter/exit school via the allocated gates (even if they have a sibling in a different bubble).

#### **Y3/4 Church Road /Y5/6 Pool Gate.**

We appreciate that this may be inconvenient, however we are doing our very best to reduce transmission. Teachers understand that parents will need a few minutes to travel from one gate to another and will keep the children safe with them until they are safely collected.

On the infant site, we are working with local contractors to develop an alternative entrance into the infant playground to avoid the staff car park and we will keep you updated.



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### **Enrichment and Interventions**

We are delighted to have had such a positive response to the programme of enrichment commencing on the 21<sup>st</sup> September. We have spoken to York City Foundation who have received a huge number of bookings for the Year 5/6 session and are currently running a waiting list. It may be possible to increase capacity by arranging for another coach to join the school session if we have enough interest. If you are interested, please do add your child's name to the waiting list by contacting the academy direct at:

**Y3/4** <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity/year-3-4-stamford-bridge-primary-school.html>

**Y5/6** <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity/year-5-6-stamford-bridge-primary-school.html>

Please do contact school directly at [stamfordbridge.primary@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:stamfordbridge.primary@eastriding.gov.uk) if you would like to book a place on any of the other enrichment sessions.

### **Interventions**

As is usual at this time of year, the teachers are busy getting to know their class and each individual child. These ongoing assessments will determine which children will be selected for interventions and teachers will contact parents directly to arrange this for the 3-4 pm slot.

### **Covid symptoms reminder**

Please look out for any of the following symptoms in your children:

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Fever
- Sore throat
- loss of appetite

The data is based on analysis from 198 children who tested positive and around 15,800 negative tests. Of the 198 children who tested positive, 55 per cent suffered from fatigue. The second top symptom was a headache with 53 per cent suffering with this. Fever is next with 49 per cent suffering, whilst 38 per cent suffered with a sore throat and 35 per cent suffered with a loss of appetite. The study also found that 15 per cent of children who test positive also present with an unusual skin rash. **Children presenting with symptoms should not come to school.** If you are unsure or have any concerns about symptoms, please contact school.



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### **Thank you Parents and Carers Together (AKA PACT)!**

All classrooms have now been equipped with the latest Smart TVs to allow teachers to provide high quality visual teaching from the front of the class, in line with government guidelines. These have made such a huge difference and we are extremely grateful!



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