

News from the Federation – 23rd October 2020

We have all had what turned out to be a wonderful first half term with all the children thoroughly engaged in their learning and enthusiasm for school. Next half term we hope to continue with Sistema music which has been a huge hit with all year groups and it's been amazing seeing the children enjoying the rich curriculum they have been taking part in. With each week, we have made progress in moving towards more normality within school and we hope to continue with this next term. We thank you for all your support and hope that you have a safe half term!

Social Distancing

Thank you for observing social distancing whilst coming to school to drop off and pick up your children this half term. Please could we continue this next half term and ensure that we all wear face masks and keep a clear distance from others. To improve crowding for entrance C; could we suggest that parents wait in a line with at least 1 metre distance between you and leave promptly so that there is no gathering as that increases risk to everyone in the area.

Parent Consultation

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, parent meetings will be starting the week beginning 9th November with class times scheduled across the week during the day, an after school late session has been scheduled for Wednesday 11th November

Please note that the office will have sent out emails to all classes with days and times and instructions on how to make a booking. The actual bookings will be open on Monday 26th October.

Hot School Dinners!

We are delighted to announce that we will be serving hot school lunches from after half term for years 1 upwards. As children in Reception are enjoying eating their packed lunches, we will extend this to them at a later date and keep you informed. From Monday 2nd to Tuesday 3rd November, we will start with Years 1 and 2 having hot lunch. On Wednesday 4th, this will be extended to years 3 and 4 and the following week (Monday 9th November), years 5 and 6 will also be able to order hot lunches. The office will send out more information and a menu next week.

Helmets

Please remember to wear helmets if you are cycling to school.

Swimming Pool Progress

As you can see, the swimming pool is taking shape and we are excited to give children at the Federation and the local community, the opportunity to start developing and enhancing their swimming skills!



Term Dates/School Closure Dates

Parent Consultations:
Starting on 9th November

Flu Vaccinations YR- Y6
Thursday 12th November TM
Monday 7th December Fawcett

Half Term:
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Last day of Autumn Term:
Friday 18th December

Staggered Timing

As many of you will have noticed, children are arriving promptly and having to wait to go inside at the start of the day. In order to reduce the waiting around (especially with the cold and wet weather due next term), we would like to change start times slightly and children will be allowed to go straight in. Please see below proposed new start and end times:

	Start	End
Nursery	8:45	3:15
Reception	8:50	3:00
Year 1	8:45	2:55
Year 2	8:40	2:50
Year 3	8:35	2:45
Year 4	8:35	2:45
Year 5	8:30	2:40
Year 6	8:30	2:40

E-Scooters

Cambridgeshire Police have recently had cause to deal with numerous incidents relating to Children riding E-scooters in a dangerous manner on pavements as well as roads. Not only is this a safety concern for other road users, pedestrians and the rider themselves, but they are also breaking the law. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the UK Law with regards to e-scooters and specifically in regards to children and young people under 18yrs.

Privately owned e-scooters are **not** permitted to be used on UK roads, pavements or cycle lanes. They are only permitted to be used on private land with the land owner's permission. Anyone who rides an E-scooter on a public road, cycle lane or pavement will be committing various road traffic offences.

The only caveat to this is that in Cambridge city there is a trial underway where it is possible to lawfully hire a scooter but certain conditions must be complied with, for example the rider is 18yrs or more, holds a current driving licence and they cannot be ridden on pavements. The legislation has been amended to allow trials of these to take place country wide, currently Cambridge city is the only area of our county to be taking part.

Therefore, school children **must not ride them**, if they do they are committing offences.

For further information use this link <https://roadsafetygb.org.uk/news/government-fast-tracks-trials-of-electric-scooters/>



Pupil Safety and Dark Nights

On Saturday (24th November) night we will be setting the clocks back an hour and summer time ends. Road traffic collisions increase by 20% in the fortnight after the time change. Sadly, some of those collisions will involve child pedestrians and cyclists. Children under-16 are one of the most vulnerable groups of road users.

The latest available government statistics (2015)* show that 58% of children who die or are seriously injured in a road collision are involved in incidents between 3 and 7pm. From Sunday, much of those will happen in darkness.

Whilst younger children are at risk, the data shows that 11 - 15 year olds are actually at more at risk from accidents that kill or result in serious injury.

The resources below will help remind children, especially teenagers, about road safety and safe cycling.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents <https://www.rosopa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Safety First - Cycling at Night <https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>

Teaching road safety: guide for educators <https://www.brake.org.uk/assets/docs/Teachroadsafetyguide-Sept14.pdf>

Road safety teaching resources for children <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

Keeping children safe during lockdown and beyond - Parents' pack <https://www.capt.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=44e36e43-bd5e-4dd0-acae-e040f37fe2ef>

AFTER SCHOOL PLAYDATE? REMEMBER NO MORE THAN SIX PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.

Coronavirus hasn't gone away - play your part to help slow the spread.



HANGING OUT WITH MATES AFTER SCHOOL? DON'T FORGET TO KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!

Coronavirus hasn't gone away - you can do your bit by keeping a safe distance apart from other people.



AFTER SCHOOL KICK-ABOUT KEEP IT SAFE, KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER.

Let's give coronavirus the red card!



SLEEPOVER AT YOUR FRIEND'S HOUSE? KEEP IT TO NO MORE THAN SIX IN THE HOUSE.

No more than 6 in the house including parents and siblings. Coronavirus hasn't gone away, so don't bring it back to school.

