



Dear Parents/Carers,

As the end of our first 'new normal' half term draws near, we wish to thank all of our staff, pupils and families for how well everyone has adapted to the new rules and routines. It has been wonderful to have all of our classrooms full again with children learning alongside each other. A special mention goes to our new Reception class who have settled in brilliantly and are taking part enthusiastically in so many creative and exciting lessons with Miss McCorriston and the Reception team. This term, we have also welcomed Mrs Dennis into our school office team.

Parents and Carers will soon be receiving information about how to sign up to teacher meetings, on Zoom, to discuss your child's learning and wellbeing. Appointments will be booked via Parentmail, under the '[Parents Evening section](#)' so please make sure you have downloaded the Parentmail app if you have not done so already.

Next month, we look forward to celebrating **Children in Need** and helping the children to learn more about how to look after their mental wellbeing both during, and beyond this week. Friday 13th November will be '**Feel Good Friday**' and there will be more information to come about what we will be doing celebrate this day and raise money for Children in Need.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss K Salisbury

Head of School

Thursday 22nd October: last day before half term. School finishes normal time.

Friday 23rd October is Staff Training Day. School will be closed to pupils.

Polite Notice

Children need to be collected promptly in the afternoon at the correct time, there is no provision to keep a child late in school. If you are going to be persistently late in collecting your child, you will need to register with our After School Club <http://westhilllifeltd.co.uk/> Tel: 01322 278677. Cost is £12.50 for After School Club.

Any messages that need to be given to the class teacher regarding pick up arrangements must be communicated to the school office by **2.45pm latest**. Messages are delivered to the classes at 2.55pm. Once children are waiting in the playground to be collected, the school office cannot contact the teacher.

Reception Class Intake 2021

Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017.

Applications for Reception intake are now open to apply online via Bexley. Deadline for submission is 15 January 2021.

Supplementary application & clerical reference forms are available to collect from the school office. Unfortunately, there are no open afternoons planned due to social distancing. If this changes, we will post updates on our school website.

Bags

Please note that in line with the latest government guidance, we are now permitting pupils to use a St Paulinus book bag to carry their reading books to and from school (only flat book bags, not rucksacks).

However, **no other types of bags** are permitted and this is still the case that no other items, other than readings books, are to be brought in from home.

Date	Event
Friday 23rd October	Staff Training Day (School Closed)
Monday 26th– Friday 30th October	Half Term School Holiday
Saturday 31 st October	Deadline for Secondary School Applications to be submitted online
Monday 2 nd November – Thursday 17 December	Autumn 2 Term
Monday 2 nd November	School Photographs – more details to follow (no PE kits to be worn on this day)
Wednesday 4 th November	Y6 Selection Test
Friday 13 th November	Feel Good Friday
Tuesday 17 th November	Flu Jabs for children
Friday 18th December	Staff Training Day