



Autumn Term 1 Week 1

Dear Parents and carers,

As we come to the end of our first week of this new academic year, I have to congratulate the children on their resilience and ability to adapt to the new systems and structures in place. Despite these changes, they have settled in quickly and have already been impressing me and their teachers with their fantastic work and behaviour.

I would also like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we adapt to new routines. May I take this opportunity to remind you that you must keep a 2m distance at the school gates and wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your children. Additionally, for the safety of the children, I must also remind you not to drive to the school entrances at Chestnut North and Chestnut South. Myself and all of the staff are grateful for your support and cooperation during these unusual times.

As part of our measures to keep everyone safe, children no longer hang their bags and coats on pegs. This means that children must bring their bag into their classroom and store it beneath their chair. Backpacks and other large bags do not fit under chairs and for this reason, I ask that your child comes to school with only one, small bag. A school book bag, for example, is the ideal size. They can hold a book and a packed lunch and they fit safely beneath a chair.

Communication between staff and parents is incredibly important and we recognise that this is more difficult with drop offs and collections. I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Howarth will be our dedicated Parent Liaison Officer.

I will end with a verse from 1 Thessalonians 5:11 which reflects this week's value of 'caring and the importance of supporting each other: 'Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up.'

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Matthews

St Mary's CADets!

In very exciting news, St Mary's now have a state-of-the-art 3D printer! Every year group will have opportunities to put their engineering skills to the test, exploring CAD software to create, design and print their very own 3D models.

This week, Year 4 children have completed their first project. Using TinkerCAD, they layered shapes, adjusted sizing and navigated their workspace to design a chess piece.

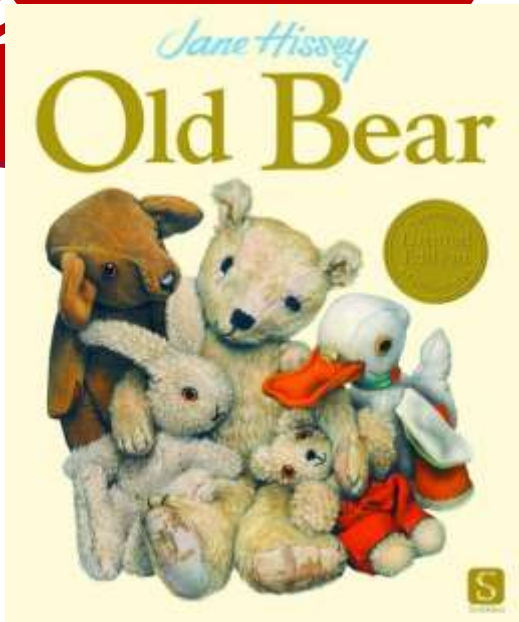


Parent Liaison Officer

We value communication between staff and parents and recognise that this is more difficult with the changes to our usual drop-offs and collections. With this in mind, we have created a dedicated role known as Parent Liaison Officer. Mrs Howarth (who many of you already know) will be our member of staff in this role and your first point of contact for any questions or concerns.



Class Corner



It's been a fun first week back in Year 1 Green and Blue stream! We have been exploring the story of Old Bear and his friends. We have particularly enjoyed performing socially distanced drama pieces to show how the characters were feeling at different parts of the story.

We have become very good at inferring now!

We have also enjoyed creating our own art piece based on the 'Old Bear' story and our topic 'Toys'. We have used different materials to create Old Bear and his toy friends. We can't wait to put them up around our classroom to inspire our learning!

Value of the Week

To start our first week back at school this academic year, we have been thinking about our school value of caring.

It has been a delight to see the children looking out for each other and supporting one another in these unusual times.

How can we show that we care about others? Why is it important to care for ourselves too?



Key Term Dates and Pick up / Drop off times

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Start	9:00	8:50	8:45	8:40	8:35	8:30
Finish	3:10	3:15	3:30	3:40	3:50	4:00
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Autumn Term 2020

First Half (34 days)

INSET- Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th, Monday 7th September Start- Tuesday 8th September 2020 End- Friday 23rd October 2020

Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Second Half (35 days) Start- Monday 2nd November 2020 End- Friday 18th December 2020

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2021

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Reminders

- Scooters and bikes will have to be taken back home by yourselves after drop off as they cannot remain on site.
- The only items pupils should be bringing into school is their water bottles and/or pack lunches. Please remember no large rucksacks are to be brought in. A school bookbag or other small bag that can fit under their chair is all that they need.
- Homework will be set every Thursday and be due in the following Tuesday.

