

Ingleby Mill Newsletter September 2020



Welcome back to school

Everyone at school has been so impressed by our wonderful children and the way they have come back to school with enthusiasm and excitement, adapting quickly to the new routines and arrangements in school. I would like to say thank you to parents and carers for your part in that, encouraging your children and sticking to our new dropping off and collecting routines. It is a bit different and we have had a few teething problems as we have learned to be slicker and quicker - but everyone has been patient with us and realised that we are trying our best to keep everyone safe. It has been lovely to hear positive feedback from parents who particularly like the dropping off routine with children going straight into classrooms rather than hanging around in the playground.

I would also like to say welcome to our new starters in nursery and reception as well as children who have joined us in other classes across school. We hope you settle in quickly, make friends and enjoy your learning journey here at Ingleby Mill.

Staffing

We welcome a quite few new adult faces to school this year too. Miss Booty is our new year 1 teacher and Mr Richardson is our new year 4 teacher. We also welcome Mrs Windebank, Mrs Allinson and Mrs Thomas as teaching assistants supporting children in school and Mrs Mughal, Mrs Povey and Miss Akinshinroju as teaching assistants giving extra support to the general smooth running of school during the current pandemic.

You may have noticed that Mrs Simmonds is not around at the moment. She is still with us and working hard from home to keep her safe while she awaits the start of her maternity leave towards the end of the autumn term.

So..... our **classes** for this year are confirmed as:

Early Years these are our nursery and reception classes and the leader for this team is Mrs Outhwaite.

Nursery - Mrs Wilkinson/Mrs Dohring with teaching assistants Mrs Rose and Mrs Little

Reception - Yarm Class Mrs Outhwaite
Thornaby Class Miss Hogarth

Key Stage 1 these are our year 1 and 2 classes and the leader for this team is Mrs Brown.

Year 1 - Hartlepool Class Mrs Lewis
Darlington Class Mr Robinson

Middlesbrough Class Miss Booty

Year 2- London Class Mrs Brown
Edinburgh Class Mrs Lake/Mrs Antonini
Cardiff Class Mrs Chambers

Lower Key Stage 2 these are our year 3 and 4 classes and the leader for this team is Mrs Wilson.

Year 3 - Scotland Class Mrs Wilson
England Class Mrs Williams
Wales Class Mrs Watson/Mrs Bettley

Year 4 - Greece Class Mr Richardson
Sweden Class Mr Rix
Italy Class Mr Carter

Upper Key Stage 2 these are our year 5 and 6 classes and the leader for this team is Mrs Dent who is also the Assistant Headteacher.

Year 5 - India Class Mrs Hamblett
South Africa Class Mrs Forbes
Brazil Class Miss Brown

Year 6 - Australia Class Mrs Dent
China Class Miss Mellor
USA Class Mr Frank

A few annual reminders.....

Dogs - There are strictly no dogs allowed on the school site (except for guide dogs). This includes puppies and dogs in bags!



Nut Products - Could I remind parents that we ask that there are no nut products included in packed lunches at Ingleby Mill. We have several children with serious nut allergies.

Bikes & Scooters - We love to see children coming to school on bikes and scooters and have provided large areas where these can be stored during the school day. Children and parents are reminded that for safety reasons, they should dismount from bikes and scooters once they are on the school site.

Parking - this has been a little better outside of school due to the quicker turnaround of parents and children at the beginning and end of the day. Thank you as always to those parents who walk to school with their children or who park a distance away from school to avoid congestion outside of school and then walk the last part of their journey. I have had a report from a parent about parking and driving too fast on the back lane near the windmill and we still have a few people parking on the roundabout at the front of school. I would once again remind parents not to do this. During the summer term when we had plenty of space in the car parks and dropping off zones outside school I noticed that a few cars

still parked on the roundabout!! Please don't – let's put our children's safety first.

If anyone would like to report any issues to the parking enforcement team at the council then the number to ring is 01642 528439

Car Park Barrier – If you are walking into or out of school, please walk on the pathway not across the car park and definitely not in front of our barrier. We had a close call last week when the barrier nearly came down on the head of someone walking in front of it.

Tik Tok – I have received some disturbing information from the police asking schools to remind parents to be vigilant about children's use of Tik Tok. Some of the content of videos currently circulating are not appropriate in any way for children. Please make sure you know what your child is accessing.

I'm worried about.....

If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's **class teacher**. Whilst face to face communication isn't as easy this term under the current arrangements, every parent should have been given their class teacher's email. Please use this form of communication as much as you can. Teachers will get back to you as soon as possible during working hours. Face to face meetings in school can be arranged but will be by appointment only so that we can arrange a safe, clean space. We also ask that parents wear a mask in any meetings in school – teachers will too.

If you would like to contact Mrs Coverdale (Deputy Head teacher and Special Needs Co-ordinator) or myself then please do so. Our direct emails are:

imbeth.atkinson@sbcschools.org.uk &
kay.Coverdale@sbcschools.org.uk

Term Dates

2020 Autumn Term

Term starts: Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Half Term Close Thursday 22nd October 2020
Re-open Monday 2nd November 2020
Christmas Close Thursday 17th December 2020

2021 Spring Term

Term starts: Monday 4th January 2021
Half Term Close Friday 12th February 2021
Re-open Monday 22nd February 2021
Easter Close Friday 26th March 2021

2021 Summer Term

Term starts: Monday 12th April 2021
Half Term Close Friday 28th May 2021
Re-open Monday 7th June 2021
Summer Close Friday 16th July 2021

Professional Development Days

Tuesday 1st September 2020
Friday 23rd October 2020
Friday 18th December 2020
Monday 19th July 2021
Tuesday 20th July 2021

So what is it like in school now?



We love to greet you in the mornings and at the end of the day.

Parents can drop off any time between 8.30 and 9.00 and collect any time between 2.45 and 3.15.

Every member of staff has been issued with their own visor (a HUGE thank you to the Lofthouse family for making these for us.)

The classrooms are set out in rows with children all facing the front. Each child has been allocated their own pencil case and stationery equipment. They all have their own hi-viz vest which they wear whenever they are outside. The different colours help with supervision keeping classes together as a group.

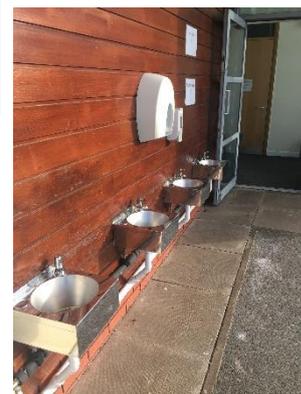
Lunchtimes are staggered with children eating their lunches in the classroom. School dinners are delivered to the classroom—kitchen staff have been marvellous in organising this. Lunchtime supervisors are allocated in pairs to a year group taking each class out in turn to their allocated playground/grass space.

Each class has been allocated their own toys and play equipment for playtimes. Teaching assistants have proved to be indispensable as they move from one rota to another supervising playtimes and lunches for their allocated classes.



Extra hand washing and hand sanitising stations inside and outside allow for additional hand washing requirements.

Additional cleaning and wiping takes place throughout the day with a particular focus on key touch points



PE takes place outside. Children in years 1 & 2 bring in a named bag with a named pair of trainers which is kept in the classroom at all times. Children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 come dressed in their tracksuits on their given PE day:
Monday – Year 3
Tuesday – Year 4
Wednesday – Year 6
Friday – Year 5