



Coupe Green
Primary School

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Friday, 10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of our first full week back at school. All at Coupe Green are so proud of how the children have settled back into school life, readjusting to the changes made in light of the eased restrictions. A special well done to our new nursery and reception children who have taken the special step into 'Big School'. We are very proud of you!

As well as welcoming new children to school this academic year, we have welcomed two new teachers: Miss Littlefair and Miss Brown. We are extremely pleased to have them as part of our Coupe Green team.

School is buzzing with exciting learning and activity once again.

- Acorn Class have been busy exploring their new environment and showing Mrs Bates how amazing they are at recognising sounds and numbers.
- Oak Class have been exploring seasons and went on a nature walk around the school grounds to find evidence of the season we are currently in.
- Elm Class have launched their theme by completing a pirate treasure hunt. Their hunt helped them to share facts they already knew about pirates and gather some more.
- Ash Class have been busy investigating volcanoes, as part of their new theme. They have also been discussing food groups and what makes a healthy meal, creating their own healthy plate.
- Maple Class have begun to read their class novel, 'Oliver Twist', exploring the language used and the characters. They have also been thinking about food groups and what they would include in their own healthy meal.
- Elder Class have launched their new theme 'Terrible Tudors'. To help them discover the Tudor period, they completed a fact hunt, which helped them to identify similarities and differences between that time period and present day.

It has been wonderful to see school life return to normal this week, watching the children play together and enjoy the full range of activities available at play and lunchtimes. It is however, vital that we stay vigilant as Coronavirus has not gone away. Please can I urge and remind all families that no adult or child should enter the school grounds if they feel unwell or are displaying any of the identified COVID19 symptoms. We need to continue to proceed with caution to ensure that we are keeping ourselves and others safe.

The ease in restrictions have enabled us to remove our one-way system and allow families to enter the grounds more freely. This has worked well this week and I would like to thank you all for your support during this time of change. Many of our Year 6 children have taken the independent step and are now entering the grounds unaccompanied. We encourage this for our oldest children, as it supports their preparation for High School. However, this week we have seen some of our younger children entering the school grounds without an adult and being left

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unattended before the school doors have opened. Could I ask that all children below Year 6, are supervised until their class teacher opens the door to ensure that the children are safe.

Uniform

I would like to thank all those families who have ensured that their children have returned to school wearing full uniform; they look extremely smart! Please could I remind all families that long hair must be tied back and that no jewellery is permitted in school. For full details of our school uniform policy, please visit the school website.

Homework

Class teachers have been working hard to settle children back into school life this week, whilst identifying their strengths and next steps for learning. Homework is a vital part of education as it enables children to practise and consolidate skills. All children, in Years 1 – 6, will receive their Pick and Mix homework on Friday 17th, including spelling homework. As always, if you require any support with homework or have any questions about how to support your child at home, please speak to the class teacher who will be happy to assist.

School Improvement Plan

This year we will be working hard on Reading and Writing across school. To support reading at home, we ask that children's planners are in school each day so that home reading can be monitored and teachers can share learning with parents effectively. We have already seen lots of children return to school with a thirst for reading with new class novels creating excitement. All children in Years 1 – 6 should have received a school reading book this week. We ask that books are brought into school each day, along with planners, so that staff can support children with changing their books, once they have been completed it and are able to read their book confidently.

Wellbeing Garden

Last year, Friends of Coupe Green (FOCG) continued to work tirelessly to raise money for school and provide fun activities and events for the children. They were faced with many restrictions and challenges, but still managed to achieve their fund raising target to support the development of a wellbeing garden for the children.

In light of recent years and the experiences our children have faced, wellbeing is even more important. We hope that the garden will provide an area in school for children to relax, connect with nature and explore.

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As the garden is for our children, we want them to help design it. Please look out for the design competition and encourage your children to take part, so that their ideas can be used in the designing process. We are excited to see the children's creativity shine and work with them to produce their garden.

I am sure that many of the children will feel tired after a full week back to school, as I know we do! I hope that you have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Littlewood

Headteacher



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