



## Combe Martin School – 2<sup>nd</sup> September Newsletter 2021

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the start of September upon us, I write in the hope that you have all had an exceptional summer holiday and to welcome you back to the start of a new and exciting academic year.

Last year we saw many great developments at Combe Martin with the children growing their character and articulating to visitors how character development is the foundation to their learning. It has been wonderful to see them all grow as inspirational changemakers and I hope this year we can invite you in regularly.

We have missed not having you on site with us, sharing the outstanding developments and displaying the phenomenal learning taking place. Each term I will be welcoming parents onto site for a tour conducted by myself and pupils and then a coffee morning. The first of these will be at the end of September, timings and personal invitations will be sent in due course.

Teachers will also be sending out a parent welcome letter and hosting a parent welcome meeting in the first few weeks so that you can meet your child's class teacher, meet the new senior leadership team and also see your child's classroom.

Pupils return to school on **Tuesday 7th September** and gates will open at **8.40am** and registration will start promptly at **8.50am**. All children should be in class for **8.50am registration each day**. Parents can escort their children to their class door, following the one-way system as before, where the teachers will be waiting. Children will enter the KS2 classrooms around the back of the classrooms, as we did last year through the fire exits.

KS1 children and parents will walk through the centre between KS1 and KS2 following the one-way route. KS1 Class 2 (year1/2) children will be dropped at the door of the middle classroom and Reception class children will be dropped at the gate outside their classroom on the top playground. (The new reception classroom next to Tiddlers). Parents will then follow the one-way system to leave the school premises. Parents will not come into the school building in the mornings, we have



### Term Dates 2021-2022

#### Autumn Term

#### Non-Pupil Day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September

#### Term begins

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

#### Non-Pupil Day

22<sup>nd</sup> October

#### October Half Term

25<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> October

#### Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of Autumn Term

1<sup>st</sup> November

#### Last Day of Autumn Term

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

found that one great positive from COVID is that children have settled much better in the mornings using this system.

Pick-ups will be at **3.15pm** and again for Reception class and KS1 this will be from your child's classroom and parents need to follow the one way system. KS2 children will be brought around to the front of the school for pick up from the front as we did last year unless picked up with a KS1 sibling and or written permission is given to the class teacher for the child to walk home independently.

**School Dinners** - From Monday you will also be able to book lunches on School Money.

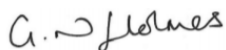
**Morning and Afterschool Club** – we hope to get Morning and Afterschool club up and running fully as soon as possible.

**School uniform** – Please see the attached information regarding school uniform.

Finally, attached to this letter is a new RA for COVID and management outbreak plan. Although restrictions have eased, COVID rates in Devon are very high. These documents detail what we will do if there is an outbreak, or if someone becomes symptomatic on site.

The team and I are very much looking forward to seeing you next week and to share a new year full of innovation, community spirit, character development and academic success with you.

Kind regards,



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