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Firstly can I thank you all for the way your children have either returned to us this week or joined us as a new pupil. The staff have been overwhelmed with the positivity and understanding about our new routines. I hope they have enjoyed being back, please praise them and give them a good rest this weekend. I would also like to thank the majority of parents who we can see making a superb effort to follow our requests about drop offs and pick up arrangements . I appreciate it can be frustrating and even worrying when you see others not acting in a way you feel is appropriate in the current times, but all I can ask is that each of us act in a way, which will enable the school and wider community to remain safe for all of you and my staff.

We have noticed a few things which will help the day run smoothly. Firstly you are welcome to send your child with a breaktime snack. (Children in Reception to Year 2 have a fruit snack provided.) Class 3 do not eat their dinner until 12:30pm, so a breaktime snack would help to keep them going through the morning. A piece of fruit or vegetable is preferred.

While the weather is still quite warm and sunny at times please send a cap or sunhat as we are trying to eat and have lessons outside as much as possible.

As staff are trying not to touch possessions of the children, there are certain tasks that would be helpful if they could practice and be independent at.

- Undoing their water bottles so they can be refilled.
- Tying laces
- Opening lunch boxes, packets, tubs.

Having hair tied up and earrings removed on PE days would also be helpful too.

Reading

Ideally we want every child to want to read for pleasure, choosing when and where as part of their daily routine, to spark their imaginations and create worlds of amazing possibilities. However, if your child needs a little encouragement, then we do expect them to read at home from Y2 upwards for at least 15 mins a day and at least one of these being a shared reading with an adult. Hopefully even in Years 5 and 6 you are still sharing books with children, or listening to stories together at bedtime, or in the car on journeys. Traditionally we have been blessed with a number of superb volunteers who came into school to listen to children each week, however at the moment this is not possible. While guided reading and reading activities are planned listening to readers is proving difficult at the moment. Staff are so stretched with their time at the moment and in every case going beyond their paid time to ensure the classes are well supported. Consequently, this leaves very little time for listening to readers. Please support and encourage your child to get back into good reading habits, if they have slipped over the summer break.

For those of you who don't know me, I am the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) across the three Harnser schools (Frettenham, Hainford and St Faiths). I also teach Year 2/3 at Frettenham.

I like to visit each school regularly to see parents and children and to support teachers but, obviously, at the moment visits will be limited.

I have time out of my classroom on Thursday mornings so this is the best time to get hold of me. I am also available after school. If you would like to talk to me about your child, if you have any concerns or would like some advice please ring or email the office at any of the schools to arrange a time when we can talk.

Thank you,
Mary Board

Diary Dates

Please see the accompanying schedule of dates for the remaining term, but do be aware that they are still subject to change.

Dates for your diary

Autumn term

17 September 2020

9.15am: Tempest Photography. **Individual school photographs** (*we are not able to do sibling photographs this year if siblings are in different bubbles*). Photographs will be taken outside.