

News from the Desk of the Executive Head

Welcome to a brand-new academic year. It has been a short week for all our children returning but how wonderful it is to hear our school full of children's chatter and to see everyone. They were definitely ready to be

back and have settled very quickly into routines which now include hand-washing regularly, staying in their year group bubbles and zoned areas of the playground. Day one the teachers tell me the children were buzzing to share all their news and we certainly didn't stop them. A huge thank you to everyone for being patient with our procedures at the start and end of day. Slowly but surely drop off and pick up is getting quicker and the staff have welcomed all the lovely



smiles from you all. Even with the extremely rainy weather. <u>This</u> We have welcomed our new Reception children and their families who have enjoyed exploring their classroom and getting to know their teachers through their stay and play sessions. They have all been so confident and full of smiles as they entered the building. You can tell they are used to hand washing as they didn't bat an eyelid using the hand sanitisers. They have loved using all the bright resources in the classrooms and have been quite chatty telling us who they are and how much they love their uniform. It really is as if they have always been at school. We hope you love your primary education. Welcome as well to Tegan in year 4 and Chloe in year 1.



This week we have spent a lot of time talking to the children about how they feel and helping them to understand that we go through a range of emotions in our day. We have introduced colour monsters in our school. I am sure the children have already started talking about them with you. The idea is that when we have different emotions it is good to talk about how we feel and why. It helps us to understand why we might behave the way we do.

The whole school is using them including the staff. Our behaviour is shaped by how we feel so when we are happy we might be displaying excited behaviour because we love learning about new things.

displaying excited behaviour because we love learning about new things. However, for some people new learning can make them feel anxious and then they can share that they are feeling blue and the teacher can explore more about why they feel that way and support them. We are teaching the children that it is ok to feel angry or worried in exactly the same way as we feel relaxed or muddled. Talking helps us to understand life better. Talk to your child about The Colour Monster and see what they say.

There is so much learning happening in all the classrooms already. I have seen some superb writing from Year 6 in PSHE as they explain their feelings. Year 5 have been creative and made their own monsters and shared their feelings for the year. Year 4 wowed me with a rainbow of feelings they have made and their exploration of 4-digit numbers. Year 3 have been making 'Catch it, bin it,

kill it' posters to display everywhere. Year 2 have been exploring new vocabulary and Mrs Withers challenged them to use the word monumental in their writing. In Year 1 they have a wonderful new classroom where they have been exploring self-portraits and writing postcards about their summer and of course our Reception children have already started writing their names and loving reading. What will next week bring? Well the whole school is exploring the text 'Here we are!' by Oliver Jeffers. A beautiful book about planet earth and how diverse but amazing it is. I am looking forward to seeing progression of writing across the



school, incredible artwork, geography specialists emerging and eco-warriors protecting our world.

¹Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world' Nelson Mandela.

Have a wonderful weekend listening to your child's news. We are grateful that we are a part of their lives. Mrs Humphriss

98.5% Overall Y6 100.0% Y5 98.9% 95.7% Y4 Y3 100.0% 98.9% Y2 95.7% Y1 YR 100.0% 85% 90% 95% 80% 100% Years with 100% are Reception, Year 3 and Year 6. Well Done! WINNER!!!

Reception 2021 Open Days

We are running socially distanced appointments for our prospective Reception 2021 parents during the week of 12th October 2020.

If you know anyone who is considering our school for their child next September, please let them know they can call the office on 01789293201 to book a visit.



Weekly Attendance by Class

<u>Year 1 First Week Photos</u>





Thumbs Up for 5!



Year 5 gave their first week a thumbs up!

Year 4 class rules on their Rainbow of Respect



All Parents

Please ensure we have your correct contact details in the school office.

If you are not set up on Parent Pay and require a new login, please email the school office at: admin2042@welearn365.com

Reception - Some first week pictures..



Year 6 Hard at work already!



Year 2 Enjoying their new classroom



Hello from Year 3!

