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Standing Desks

In line with our new school vision we are in the midst of trialling some standing desks in our year 3/4 classes. They appear to be very popular and the plan is to build up a supply of them across all KS2 classes initially and then some in KS1 if needed. The benefits for children are reported to be:



- Improves their focus and attention
- Improves their handwriting
- Improves their lesson outcomes
- Allows them to move and document their work
- Allows them to move and not be disruptive
- Gets them active in lesson time

We are in the early phase of the trial but they definitely appear to support some of our children and are proving popular.

School Reports

You will receive a full school report from your child's teacher/s this term and there will be a chance for a follow up meeting should you require one.

A couple of parents have enquired about parents evenings this term, if you have any pressing concerns or would like a chat with your child's teacher please email them directly for an update.

COVID Guidance

[click here for the government link](#)

From 17 May...face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils and students in classrooms or communal areas, in all schools. Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. In all schools it is recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible- please consider this when entering and leaving the playground.

Our Curriculum

We are continuing to build the new school curriculum and are already at the review stage. We are constantly refining things to ensure that we are offering a really well structured curriculum for all our pupils. We have introduced the characteristics of learning across the school. The children will see these in the form of hexagons displayed in their rooms. They are already beginning to use the characteristics when learning but we do still have a lot of work to do in order to embed them. We have focused a lot on how to work collaboratively, as there seems to be a need for learning to work in groups after such a long period of working at home in isolation. I am amazed at how well the children have reflected on the characteristics and refer to them regularly.

Behaviour

As a staff we have been researching behaviour management strategies and are in the process of reviewing our policy. We are currently applying three behaviour rules Ready, Respectful and Safe. (*search Paul Dix for more info*)

We have identified a post COVID issue of a lack of respect towards adults in school. This is mainly in the older children but not exclusively. Some children are arguing back, tutting and shrugging shoulders when spoken to by adults. This is not behaviour we have experienced in this quantity before and we ask that as parents and carers you support the school by discussing the importance of respecting others. A joint approach to understanding respect will help us nip this in the bud a lot quicker.

Half Term

Friday 28th May is our last day in school. We return on Monday 7th June. Have a lovely half term break and stay safe.

Thank you, Mrs Thomas

