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The children and staff have continued to settle back into school life. As you will appreciate this will take time. Please take time to read the attachments sent with this newsletter email which relate to The Recovery Curriculum. We will be sharing more information about this and what we are working towards over the coming weeks.

Over the last two weeks our focus has been on relationships, experiences, routines and gently assessing children to see where they are and where we need to meet their individual needs at this time in terms of their learning and wellbeing.

The Evidence for Learning website has links to many articles, blog posts, pod casts and videos if you are interested in further research and information about the Recovery Curriculum.

<https://www.evidenceforlearning.net/recoverycurriculum/>

Books for children

I have also included 2 'no word' books to the school website <https://rackenfords-primary.devon.sch.uk/newsletter/> (as they are too large to attach to the email) for you to share with your children which explore lockdown and returning to school.

Happiness Box

As we are not bringing in articles from home, I thought that you may like to explore making a happiness box with your children - you are in the role of the teacher. Children can share this in school by uploading photographs on Class Dojo.

Staggered drop off and pick up times.

Next week we will continue with the current staggered drop off and pick up times as we have done for the last two weeks. These timings will change as from **Monday 28th September** in a move to reflect closer timings to the usual day which is 9.00 - 3.30. As per our CoVid-19 risk assessment, the times still need to be staggered and we still need to use separate entrances and exits. Please remember that the two buses will be in the village, so please do not queue up if the buses are parked outside the school gates. Please also be mindful of the previous messages about congestion, parking, road safety and queuing up at drop off and pick up times.

Last week, I received several emails from parents asking about the "lost learning time" due to the staggered timings of the day. As per the government guidance, we have been mindful to not shorten the school day. Please can I reassure you that children have not lost any learning time, if anything they have gained time. Due to our CoVid-19 risk assessment, we have changed many aspects of the school day which has meant that "organisation time" is not necessary, for example whole school assemblies are now class assemblies, which saves up to 15 minutes a day and staggered lunch times mean that the lunch time routine runs more smoothly and faster.

Mini Snapshot - reporting to parents & carers

On Thursday 1st October you will receive a mini snapshot from your class teacher which will inform you of how your child is settling back into school and returning to learning.



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Water Bottles

Please ensure that children are bringing in their water bottles to school. These can be refilled frequently in each class. While we encourage children to drink water, we understand some children won't drink plain water. Children can therefore bring in flavored water or very, very weak squash.

Class Dojo

If you haven't already, then please sign up to Class Dojo as this is how Homework will be sent home. You should have received an email last week with these details.

On Monday 21st at 4pm, Miss Budden is running a zoom workshop on how to use Dojo. If you would like to join with this then please email rpsclass2@hotmail.com

Learning Leaves

Class R – All of class R

Well done for being able to be smiling and learning new things after your first two weeks of school.

We are very proud of you all

Class 1 – Rowan

For being creative when coming up with ideas in literacy. Also for being brave and coming into school and making new friends.

Class 2 – All of Class 2

For having a brilliant first week back! For getting used to new routines and a new classroom.

Class 3 – Lexi

Well done for a great first week in year 6!

Year 5 & 6 Bikeability – 21st September

Your child will need to bring their roadworthy bike, helmet, and also weather appropriate cycling clothes. Please have spare clothes in school in case the weather is wet.

Each Child should have a safe way to carry what they need during the Bikeability sessions – This could be a small ruck sac. They will need a water bottle, and they must have any medication that is mentioned on their form. (Inhalers must be taken with us, if a child has asthma, even if symptoms are mild).

Clothing List includes tracksuit/ jogging bottoms (NOT JEANS), tee-shirts, sweat shirt, trainers, gloves, and a waterproof coat – even if it looks dry (water proof trousers , if you have them.) **These can be worn to school on their Bikeability days.**

Group A & B will need to have their bikes in school on Monday and Tuesday. And Group C on Wednesday and Thursday. These can be left in school overnight.

Please can you notify school of any changes with regards to your children attending Little Angels or going home on the bus afterschool. For example, If you have decided to collect your child from school rather than them going home on the school bus, then please email or phone school by 12pm. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, the school office will be closed so please do not leave an answerphone message as it may not get listened to before the end of the day.

Next week we will be sorting a mobile which will be for emergency and last minute changes to the bus/Little angels list. We will let you know of the number for this next week.