



11th March 2021

The return of all the children to school has gone extremely well. It has been lovely to see everyone again. Thank you for your help in staggering the start of the day. We will continue with the current arrangements for the rest of this term, but would ask that as you arrive, if the entrance looks busy, please wait a few moments before entering. This will help keep the area around the grey gates less congested.

## “Catch Up”

There is a lot of talk in the media about “catch up” and we have already put many things in place to support the children as they return to school, including changes to the curriculum, extra small group tuition, some one-to-one online tuition and extra staff to support the children in class. One simple way you can help your child make greater progress with their Reading is to turn the subtitles on while they are watching television. It is such a simple thing to do but can significantly improve children’s literacy. Have a look at [this article](#) for more information. Watch [this video](#) to hear Stephen Fry talk about the impact turning on the subtitles can have for your child. It takes less than 30 second to do but will have a profound impact on your child’s learning.

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## School News

- **School Photos:** Just a reminder that our school photographer, Yellow, will be in school on *Monday 15th March 2021* to take all the children’s individual school photos. Please remember to send your child to school with their jumper/cardigan (and winter uniform if possible) as the photos are taken on a light background. There will be no PE on this day. As previously mentioned, unfortunately, no sibling photos will be taken on this day.
- **End of the Day Pick Up:** Unfortunately we have already been contacted about cars being parked illegally and dangerously at the end of the school day. It is vital that care and consideration is given when driving and parking in our surrounding roads. It is not acceptable that residents are spoken to rudely or aggressively and we ask for your support with this.
- **Lozenges:** Please do not send your child to school with any form of throat lozenge - these are a choking hazard. Thank you for your co-operation.
- **Wooden Pallets:** We still have a number of wooden pallets available. If anyone is interested in collecting any, please contact the school. We regularly have deliveries arriving on pallets so more will be available in the future - again, do let us know if this is something you would be interested in.
- **After School Clubs:** We are currently organising some after school clubs to start after the Easter break. Further information about what will be available will be sent out to you in due course.

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## Other News

- **Findon Valley Residents’ Association:** The FVRA are running a Spring Photograph Gallery. Attached is a flyer which explains how you can submit your photos.

## Important Dates to Remember.....

2020/2021 Academic Year	
Monday 15th March 2021	School Photographer Taking Individual Photos
Thursday 1st April 2021	Last Day of the Spring Term
Monday 19th April 2021	First Day of the Summer Term
Monday 3rd May 2021	Bank Holiday
Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021	Half Term Break
Friday 23rd July 2021	Last of the Summer Term/Academic Year
2021/2022 Academic Year	
Thursday 2nd September 2021	Inset Day 1
Friday 3rd September 2021	Inset Day 2
Monday 6th September 2021	First Day of the New Academic Year
Monday 25th - Friday 29th October 2021	Half Term Break
Monday 1st November 2021	Inset Day 3
Friday 17th December 2021	Last Day of the Autumn Term
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Inset Day 4
Wednesday 5th January 2022	First Day of the Spring Term
Monday 31st January 2022	Inset Day 5
Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 2022	Half Term Break
Friday 8th April 2022	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 25th April 2022	First Day of the Summer Term
Monday 2nd May 2022	Bank Holiday
Monday 30 May - Friday 3rd June 2022	Half Term Break
Friday 22nd July 2022	Last Day of the Summer Term/Academic Year