



Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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Welcome back -Don't read if you are still in holiday mode!

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Dear Parents, Carers and our wonderful children,

I hope you had a restful summer and are managing to find joy in unexpected things. Just a quick hello to everyone before we start again Thursday 2nd September.

I know many are still switched off from end of holidays - that's absolutely fine. Many children (and parents and teachers) love to come back with no contact whatsoever. If this is you stop reading now and pick up again on the night of Wednesday 1st or morning of Thursday 2nd. We know though some may have children with the back to school anxiety starting – or it might even be your first day with us. If you haven't had a walk by the school then that is often a way to reduce first day back jitters.

Risk assessment

The government guidance re COVID came out mid holidays. We are just in the process of finalising our school risk assessment with staff and trust and then should get it to you in a more compact form by **Friday**. The guidance is clear in that we can escalate the need for more measures at the moment. The trigger levels at the moment for contacting outside the school for help are 5 children or staff in a class with positive PCR test or 10% of the school (this would be around 42 children or staff). Until then the guidance states we need to be cautious. Please can we ask all adults in our families to continue to take lateral flow tests twice a week and be vigilant to the signs and symptoms of covid. The school approach has kept up safe thus far but the removal of bubbles will be something we will all need to grapple with.

School day

We have these times:

- 8:45 gates open
- 9:00 gates close
- 3:05 front and side gates open
- 3:15 end of day for all Year groups

We'll continue to do our drop off via the entrance hall for Year 1 and above. This suits most children as they get to walk through to classes with their friends and siblings if they have any. We always have adults on hand to meet and greet. Over the past year we've seen significantly fewer tears and tummy aches saying goodbye this way. If your child feels nervous stay and comfort them to one side and we'll help as soon as possible. We'll review drop



off this way at October half term. Reception and nursery, you come in via our wooden gates at the front of school straight to the Early years space.

Mobiles

Just a reminder that we ask for mobiles to be not used on site. If you have a call scheduled please take it outside the grounds. However, that doesn't stop you taking a photo outside - many children find this a great way to ease them into the new year especially if with friends. All we ask is that you please don't block the gates.

Ready for school & Learning

Children - your teachers and helpers are really looking forward to seeing you! Don't worry if you've forgotten your way to your new class - we'll help. A map is attached here or you might want to explore our 3D map on the website. <https://www.jennetts.bonitas.org.uk/headteachers-office/welcome/school-tour/>

Do remember to play your part in being ready for learning- lay out uniform, set your alarm, have everything ready to go the night before so it's less hectic in the morning! We know some of you might be nervous about meeting new teachers- each teacher spends a lot of the first week getting to know you, but in the meantime never worry about asking for help if you're stuck.

Wraparound Care

Early Birds and Night Owls wraparound care club is ready to book. We are running onsite every day. See our website for details. <https://www.jennetts.bonitas.org.uk/children/wraparound-care/> or contact secretary@jennetts.bonitas.org.uk

Donations for Afghanistan.

More details on Friday's newsletter, but just to let you know we will be accepting donations for Care4Calais to help ease the plight of the Afghan refugees. Please drop donations clearly marked onto our donations table. <https://care4calais.org/> gives more details on what to gather.

Competitions

Two competitions close Monday 6th designing our logo for the Mosaic altar and the logo for the wraparound care. See final newsletter of last term for details. <https://www.jennetts.bonitas.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Newsletter-16.7.21.pdf>

Great news

Some lovely news in that we heard two of our students Sienna and Xanthe did brilliantly in the Dance World Cup. They won gold with a score of 88.3 in the mini Acro group. Sienna won gold for her Acro solo and silver for her lyrical solo, a silver for the junior group Acro dance and won silver for her Acro duet. Sienna also won a trophy in the winners gala for being the best Acro dancer of the week. Absolutely amazing. Such talent. We are so proud of you both. More details and photos in Friday's newsletter.

Lastly

I was reminded recently that a child said to me in the middle of last year 'none of the adults at home smiles much anymore Mrs Savage, everyone is so serious'. We know there have been some difficult times- you are a great



community who are remarkable in your support of us. We notice and hear you. We know the power in a smile at Jennett's Park. Please help us lift the mood by smiling along with us- it is just truly and honestly a delight to be back together again. If things are getting difficult or if you need us, we'll try our best to help. We always try to point you in the right direction to someone else if we can't. We will continue to extend our 10th Anniversary celebrations and will tell you more in newsletters of upcoming events. Our aim remains to help your children flourish and achieve under God's love because we should live life in all its fullness.

Stay well

Yours sincerely



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