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## Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Drop off time reminder

Just a reminder that drop off time for Key Stage 2 children and younger siblings is 8:45am and for Key Stage 1 children it's 9am, and please remember to wear a mask and socially distance.

We have had complaints from parents that people are congregating around the school gates. In order to safeguard your children, our staff and other parents please adhere to the bubble times and once you have dropped your child off leave immediately following social distancing. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

### Well done from Mr B

I would like to say a very big WELL DONE to all of our children for adapting so readily to the various new systems and rules that we are having to abide by in school. Our children have settled in well over the last two weeks and are, already, happy and confident in their altered environment.

As you will have noticed this morning, staff are now encouraged to wear a mask during these times as part of our ongoing efforts to maximise the safety of all parties in our school. Please continue to double-check, as many of you have, if you are unsure as to whether to bring your child into school.

Enjoy your weekend!

Mr B

### Covid Symptoms

If anyone in your household has a temperature, a cough or loss of taste or smell then everyone in the household should self-isolate and the person with the symptoms should get tested. Children should not return to school until a negative result is obtained.

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### **Reading books**

Children will be given reading books on a Monday and a Friday to be kept at home to read. Please can you only return the books on a Monday or Friday morning so that we can put those returned books in a quarantine box for 72hrs and give out new books for the weekend/during the week. Unfortunately, we cannot send the Reading Record book home. We will listen to your child read during the week with a book from the same stage and will record our notes in school. Please ensure your child has a book bag to keep their books in for those days.

### **Durham Music Service**

*Durham Music Service is offering music lessons for children in years 3-5 at our school. Please visit their website [www.durhammusic.org.uk](http://www.durhammusic.org.uk) to see what is on offer at our school and to register interest. Having worked throughout lockdown providing online lessons to their pupils, the music service has branched out in to adult lessons, so if any parents are interested in learning an instrument please get in touch via the website.!!*

Kind regards,

Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team