



## Newsletter - September 2020

5<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### WELCOME BACK!

We hope you, and your families are all well and that you have had a pleasant holiday.

There is a genuine feeling of excitement in school with the teachers as we prepare for the beginning of the school year; we are looking forward to working online with you and your children.

We open school on **Tuesday 8th September** when we welcome back all our students to our online learning classes once again.

As part of our preparation process, our entire teaching team have undergone training during the school holiday so that we can support your child/children's learning this academic year.

During the first week all the classes will focus on settling the children into their new class routines, building relationships with their new teacher, and reviewing previously learned concepts.

We have missed being together as an entire school community and we hope that we can quickly return to normal and re-establish the teaching and routines that the children are so familiar with.



TERM ONE

HALF-TERM

19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

END OF TERM ONE

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

You can  
**LEARN**,  
something new  
**EVERYDAY**  
If you  
**LISTEN**

# MEET THE TEACHER!

After further considerations, we will run remote evening meetings for all parents and carers of children from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020; where we will host a virtual "**Meet the Teacher**" session with your child's class teacher/s to chat through curriculum expectations and class schedules/routines. *(Please see below the correct timings for your child's class)*

We hope that this forum will give each parent the opportunity to go through how our online learning in all the classes will work this year. We will talk through any practicalities or concerns that you are likely to have and answer your questions, prior beginning our lessons next week.

We will host these sessions via Google Meet from your child's email profiles that will be shared with you, please look out for these in your emails and feel free to change the password.

MEET THE TEACHER		
CLASS	DAY	TIME
Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	4:00 - 5:30 pm
Lion Class	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	4:30 - 5:30 pm
Rhino Class	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	4:00 - 5:00 pm
Flamingo Class		4:30 - 5:00 pm

Please note that should you miss any of these remote meetings you are most welcome to communicate directly with your child's class teachers or send an email to make an appointment on the class email address. The teachers and I are in school and you are most welcome to come in person to meet the teacher from Tuesday, this week.

"Every child is gifted and talented,  
they just unwrap their packages at different times"

*Unknown*

## RESOURCES

Please note from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September you can pick your child's resources that will include a daily schedule of the LIVE and pre-recorded lesson timings.

**ALL MONTESSORI** resources that were issued to the children in the Flamingo, Rhino and Lion Classes **MUST** be returned to school; as well as the following resources from specific classes.

- **YEAR 2** - place value cards and dice
- **LION CLASS** - Numbers 1-30
- **RHINO CLASS** - word building cards, Numbers 1-20, sounds a-z
- **FLAMINGO CLASS** - number 1-10 board

## **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AT HOME**

- **Laminated White board**
- **Exercise books**

Your children will be using most of the resources you purchased last term for home use and if there are additional resources required your child's class teacher will indicate this in the weekly synopsis.

## ONLINE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

1. Ensure that your child is in class on time
2. Your child should be prepared with their learning resources - exercise books, pencil, eraser, coloured pencils etc.,
3. Be quiet and listen to the teachers instructions
4. Your child should have a quiet place to work from with no distractions
5. All the work that your child does should be photographed or scanned to provide evidence of your child's learning
6. Understand how to mute and unmute
7. Always have the video camera on
8. Children will need to learn to raise their hand when they would like to ask a questions
9. Learn to wait their turn to talk and be respectful.
10. Children should eat before their online class or when they are given a break NOT during the class.

We will continue to share all the expectations as we begin to engage in the classes. Kindly note that we will also do all that we can to support you and your children during this next academic year, thank you for working with us.

*Ms. Florence* 