



Hermes – Our School Newsletter - Michaelmas Term



Dear Parents

We are back! It has been wonderful to see the children return and come together. It has also been lovely to see nine new children start in addition to Reception and Nursery Class. Welcome to all of our new families in school. We have had a positive start and ironing out a few simple and inevitable wrinkles in the system to ensure the children are both as safe as possible and getting back in to a school with a positive mentality. Please be patient and understanding as there will be increased traffic as QES return and more families start in reception class. Could I also ask families to wear masks even if outside, should you be close to one another.

You may have noticed, if you have read school newsletters before, that we have changed the look of the newsletter this year. I am afraid I have been influenced by my summer reading 'Mythos' by Stephen Fry and I am now gripped by Greek Mythology. As a result, I am calling the newsletter 'Hermes', the messenger for Mount Olympus, who came to symbolise the bridging of boundaries. (Known by the Romans as Mercury)

You will also notice that we have launched our Facebook and Instagram Pages along with Twitter which we have been using for a little while. Please search for these and support us as we begin to share news of school. The pages are very new and evolving but we hope will provide a further glimpse into the life of our school as we are relatively remote due to the present situation.



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As begin school, we are preparing the children for the routines of school again. It was lovely to see the new children begin to interact and begin to make friends. It was also special to see everyone back with only two children absent on the first day. As a result, the children were able to begin to adjust to the school and get used to the various measures in place. One noticeable issue was that not all children knew how to wash their hands with soap. Could I please ask you to explore this at home as this will be a feature throughout the day and should be an instinctive habit at this stage through the lockdown process.

Our First Day Back



As we return, it is essential that we keep up to date with contact details and any medical needs. Please consider the following:



- Ensure any personal details, phone numbers and addresses are accurately recorded at school. Please email the school office with any changes.



- Please ensure any medication required for your child is in school in a labelled bag. (all medication was returned in July so please provide school with the appropriate medication). This can be sent with the children to the class teacher who will ensure Mrs Lyall records this.



- New care plans will be sent out over the next week. Please can these be updated and returned asap.



- Should your child become poorly with a cold or other illness and require medication in school – there is a form you will need to complete. This is available in the school entrance and will be available on the school website very soon.

Football Club



- All children who signed up to Football Club on Monday has a place in the club. Please can children attending wear school **PE kit** for the whole day (arrive in PE kit). The club will finish at 4:30pm.
- Yr R-2 should be picked up from the Junior Drive (staff car park entrance)
- Junior children (Y3-6) should be picked up from Junior Yard Steps

Doodle Maths and English



We are trying to ensure all junior children have login details by the end of next week.

Some children will have received details today to try over the weekend.

Class Letters

Most classes will have sent details home to parents about their classes. This will include PE days, arrangements for home learning etc.. Please look out for these.

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Packed Lunches

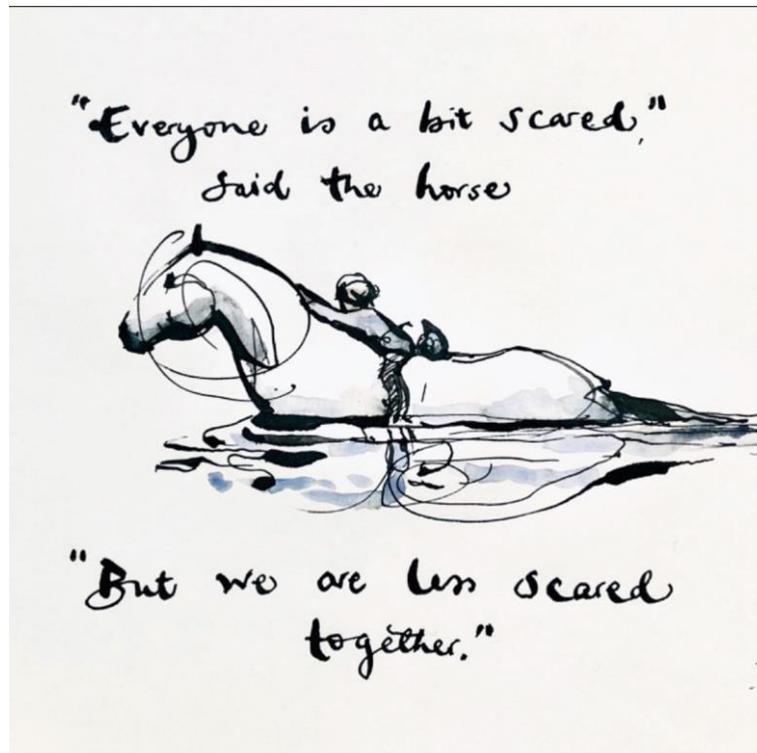


If you provide your child with a packed lunch, can you please ensure they have cutlery as this is not provided by school.

Netball Club



Danny Harper will be offering netball club for Year 5 and 6 on Thursdays (3:15-4:15pm). This will start next week. Children can let their class teacher know if they wish to attend. Children should be picked up from the junior steps.



Charlie Mackery

Road Closure – please see below.

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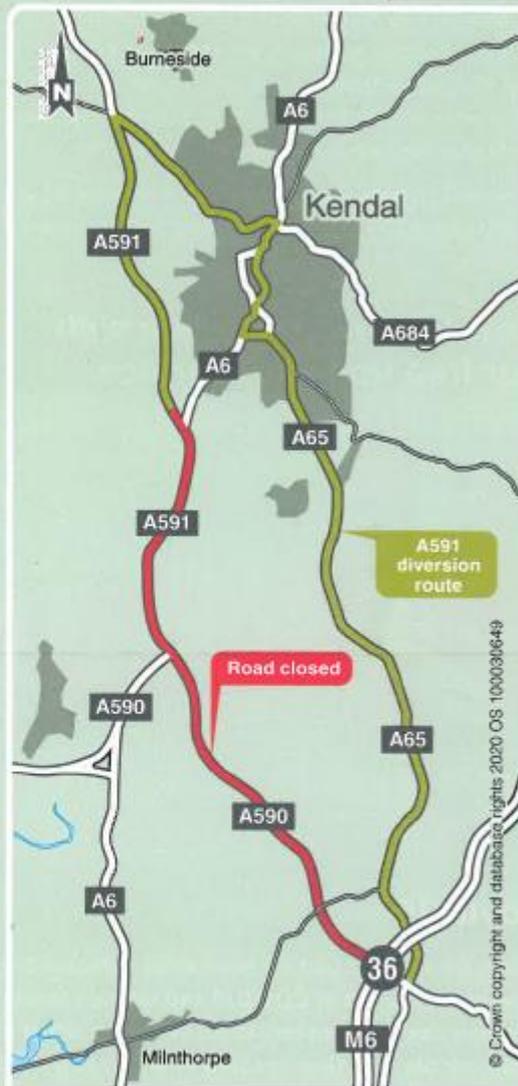


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Planned closures

To ensure that we can set up our work areas to make all these improvements, we'll need to install some traffic management, such as contraflows or full road closures. The plans below show the location of our planned overnight closures, their respective diversion routes and the dates they will be in place.



Closure dates

Closure of **Shenstone Interchange**

- 4 to 6 September

Closure of **A591 southbound** between Shenstone interchange and Brettargh Holt roundabout

- 11 to 13 September
- 25 October to 3 November

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Traffic management

M6 junction 36 roundabout – 24 hour closure of southern section

From 14 September to 10 October, the southern section of the M6 junction 36 roundabout will be closed. This will allow us to repair the bridge joints at this location. Also, the closure will ensure traffic flows smoothly from the M6 junction 36 northbound exit slip onto the A590 westbound carriageway. This will stop traffic building up on the M6 carriageway. Diversion routes will be in place throughout.



What is a contraflow?

A contraflow system is where a lane of traffic is running in the opposite direction to the other lanes on that carriageway. Drivers will see a temporary barrier between them and oncoming traffic. A reduced speed limit will be in place to ensure motorists travel through the contraflow safely. Two lanes will continue to run in both directions.

A contraflow will be in place on the A590 eastbound between Brettargh Holt roundabout and M6 junction 36 from 14 September to 7 October. This will then switch over to the westbound from 10 to 24 October.

Innovative ways of working

Approximately 60,000 tonnes of asphalt material is needed for this scheme, 43,000 tonnes of which will be recycled. This will be made at our onsite production facility. By recycling the old carriageway into new asphalt, we will:

- reduce carbon emissions by 45%
- significantly reduce the number of haulage deliveries
- work up to 24-hours a day, completing our work as quickly as possible
- reduce overall disruption for our customers and the local community

Closure dates

Closure of **junction 36 roundabout** and **A590 eastbound** between Brettargh Holt to M6 junction 36

- 4 to 13 September
- 25 October to 3 November

Closure of **A590 westbound** between Brettargh Holt to M6 junction 36

- 4 to 6 September
- 11 to 13 September
- 25 October to 3 November

Note: further closures are needed here towards the end of the work. Updates will be available on our webpage.

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Picnic

Join us for a Messy Picnic!

Where? : Glebe Field (near Ruskin's view).

When? : Sunday 20th September at 4pm.

What do I need? : Bring your own food, drink & seating.

Should I book? : Yes! Email Lol on

lol@cilfamilyproject.org

so we know you are coming and so we can email you if plans change.



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