

The Blue Letter: 26th February 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start to the new half term with the news that all children can return to school from Monday 8th March. This means all children will be back in school working in a very similar way to before Christmas.

- The gates will be open at the start of day at 8.35am and close at 8.50am.
- Fox Class will leave at 3.10pm
- Squirrel Class will leave at 3.15pm. The car park gates will be opened to allow one parent or carer to line on the yellow marks and meet their child from the classroom gate.
- Owl Class will leave at 3.20pm

Please can you wear a face covering to drop off and collect your child. It is also important that we continue to keep social distance around the school entrances. Once you have dropped off or collected your children please move away quickly.

Children will need to be in full school uniform when they return.

PE kit will need to be worn on PE days. This should be school PE kit with plain trousers or leggings as an option instead of shorts. They need to wear their school jumper or fleece. PE days are:

Owl Class - Tuesday and Thursday

Fox Class - Wednesday and Thursday

Squirrel Class - Monday and Friday

While this return to the full opening of schools is good news, it is really important that we continue to keep our community safe as we ease our way out of the restrictions. It remains the case that pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

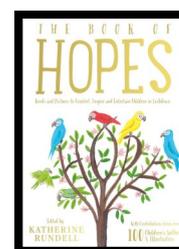
- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test

They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test

Any child who develops symptoms during the school day will be sent home.

World Book day is next Thursday 4th March. Children both at home or at school are welcome to dress up as book characters for the day. Do send us photos if your child dresses up at home. We plan a week of book related events for the week that children return to school. All three classes are using *The Book of Hopes* as the inspiration for the week. The book is a collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators. A donation from the sale of each book goes to NHS Charities Together, in gratitude for the incredible efforts of all those who worked in hospitals over the quarantine period. It can also be read for free on the [National Literacy trust Website](https://www.national-literacy-trust.org/).





Chartwells Catering have vacancies

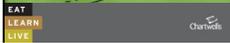
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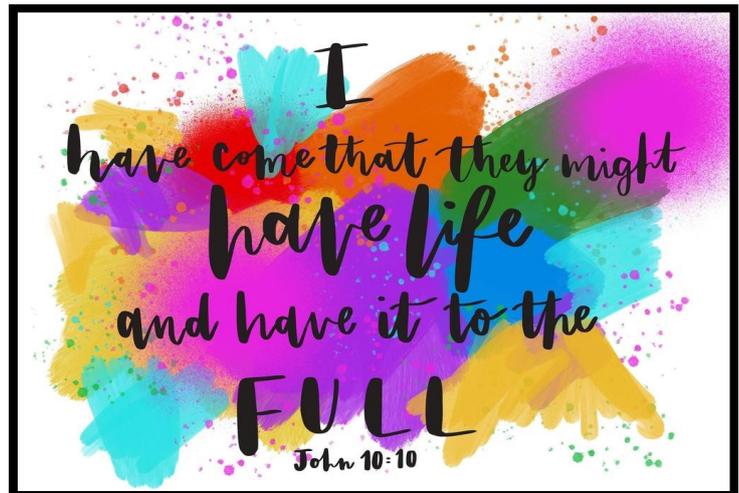
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Worship Wherever You are

This week we are thinking about flourishing. The bible verse is from John 10:10, where Jesus says to those listening, 'I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full'. Many reflect on Jesus' words here, thinking about what it means to have a full, happy and healthy life. Indeed, as we enter spring, many gardeners are thinking carefully about how their gardens can flourish – how plants and vegetables can grow to be happy and healthy. Gardeners need to think ahead carefully about a number of things, including: where to place each plant (so it gets the right amount of sun), when to plant it, how to make sure it gets enough water as well as nutrients from the soil. To flourish, plants also need to be free from weeds which might restrict the sunlight the plant can get as it grows and reduce the nutrients it can get. Gardening is skilful! This spring, we are looking forward to returning to school. Just like gardeners, now is a useful time to start thinking ahead: how can we flourish – be happy and healthy – as we start returning to school?



Dear God,

Thank you for being with us during this lockdown, As we prepare to return to school, show us how we can be happy and healthy and help others to flourish.

Amen

