



# MINERVA NEWSLETTER 2

## 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

We are now half way through our first term!

Our focus continues to be, keeping everyone safe in school and re-engaging pupils with teaching and learning with our 'states of being' curriculum.

I am sure you will be aware of the rise in positive cases of coronavirus across the Bristol area and may be concerned about the effect this could have on your child's education.

We are being proactive in our approach to support children with learning at distance. If a child is well enough they should continue their learning at home. Our Wordpress sites are regularly updated with class learning and homework. We are also developing year group online Microsoft TEAMS for teachers to upload a film of their lessons from class. Last week details were sent via email about our live learning on Microsoft TEAMS. Don't forget to email us with permission for your child to participate in those sessions.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and co-operation as we complete our first telephone parent evening appointments. It has been wonderful for teachers to speak with so many of you.

Jenny Harvey (Acting Principal)



### SOCIAL DISTANCING AT START AND END OF SCHOOL DAY

As per DfE guidance, "Schools should consider staggered starts or adjusting start and finish times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave school...starting and finishing later to avoid rush hour...including that gathering at the school gates and otherwise coming onto the site is not allowed."

Could we kindly ask all parents and carers to follow the staggered start and finish timings and **also, when lining up your children to follow 2 metres social distancing, as per markings on the floor.**

Please also be respectful when parking at school drop off and collection times.  
**Do not park on the zig zag lines outside of the school.**

Our Police Community Support Officer will be patrolling to help us protect our children's safety

We thank you all in advance for your assistance! It is really appreciated by the whole MPA community!

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

School office times are currently restricted as pupils use the school reception entrance at staggered times  
Our visiting times are 8-8.30am and 3.30-4.00pm.

All other enquires can be made by email [info@mpa.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:info@mpa.cabot.ac.uk) or telephone 0117 3772990 and we will reply to you asap.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Last day of term 1 for pupils

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

INSET day

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

INSET day

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

First day of Term 2 for pupils

### PE KIT

Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit to school on PE days- Plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, plain white T shirt, black plimsolls or 'daps'.

No logos. Thank you

### SCHOOL DINNERS

#### Menu change

On **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October**, to celebrate our return to school the menu will be fish fingers & peas followed by ice cream.



On **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** the cheese flan option will be offered.

#### Packed lunches

Please be aware we cannot refrigerate lunch boxes, so please ensure the food in lunch boxes is suitable.

Please do not include any nuts or nut products in lunch boxes, as some of our children have serious nut allergies.

The school menu is on the website (the Spring/Summer menu is continuing this term).  
**Please note:** In Week One the Thursday option has changed to cheese flan instead of vegetable curry.

## MEET THE ACTING PRINCIPAL, JENNY HARVEY AND THE FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER, JESS CROSSLEY

We appreciate all your support with the new systems in school, and would like to hear your thoughts and ideas about what is working well, and what we could do better. So that we can get feedback from all year groups, we will be holding weekly parent/carer meetings. The dates so far are:

**Year 1:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – 2.30-3pm

**Reception:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – 2.30-3pm

**Year 2:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – 2.30-3pm

Space is limited to 10 so please contact the school office to book your place – 0117 3772990 or [info@mpa.cabot.ac.uk](mailto:info@mpa.cabot.ac.uk). Once your place is secured, we will let you know all the details of our control measures to keep everyone safe in school.

## READY FOR THE SCHOOL DAY?



Please ensure your child brings their water bottle (and packed lunch if required) with them in the morning. Also we play outside in all weathers and it is beginning to get colder please can your child/ren also wear a suitable coat (eg: waterproof) and shoes to school.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATION

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you need to apply for a new reception school place for your child to your home local authority.

**The deadline for making an application is  
midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

To check your home local authority and apply for a school place, please use the following link:  
[www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place)

School Open Days are not able to take place at the current time.

Our school will have a virtual Open Day on our website in Term 2.

## ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS!

If your child was born between 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2010 you need to apply for a new year 7 secondary place for your child.

**Dead line to apply is midnight October 31st 2020**

Please apply through your local authority.  
For Bristol City council use the following link:

[www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions)

Most schools now have 'virtual' Open Days and information online for Year 7 admissions, please visit school websites.

## MISS RODEN'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION- KEY STAGE 2

**The House with Chicken Legs** by Sophie Anderson.



Marinka dreams of a normal life, but her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning

For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas...

## SEND SUPPORT

Supportive Parents provide information, advice and support directly to children and young people with SEND, and their families. As families cannot attend any open evenings at schools currently, here are a couple of websites that might be able to help:

[www.supportiveparents.org.uk/young-people-16-25/virtual-hub/bristol-local-offer/](http://www.supportiveparents.org.uk/young-people-16-25/virtual-hub/bristol-local-offer/)

[www.bristol.gov.uk/web/bristol-local-offer](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/web/bristol-local-offer)

**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** <https://minervaprimaryacademy.clf.uk/> **TWITTER** <https://twitter.com/MinervaCLF>

**YOUTUBE:** Search for MPA Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChzQoO4daCH1X5a0TS-4CNg>