



MINERVA NEWSLETTER 1

11th September 2020

WELCOME TO TERM 1

A warm welcome back to school! It is fantastic seeing children back in class learning and enjoying the different playground zones. All children have settled well despite the many changes that have been put in place at school.

Thank you for your continued patience as we learn to embed new routines and expectations. Each day we are becoming quicker at getting all the different bubbles in and out of the building safely. Children have all accepted the need to sanitiser or wash their hands on entry, follow our one way system and the need to stay in their zones at break and lunchtime. With your support, the staff have already been working hard to develop positive relationships with the new adults in class and plan joy-filled learning that will help your children re-engage and make progress.

It has proved a challenge for some to buy new uniform and shoes ready for the start of term so it was amazing to see so many in their smart uniform and shiny shoes last week. Class teachers have shared the day your bubble will be having PE. On these day children come in wearing their kit – black jogger or shorts with a white T-shirt and black trainers or daps. When it gets colder they may also want a black jumper as PE will be outside until circumstances change.

I look forward to a fantastic year and getting to know the children and families of Minerva better.

Jenny Harvey (Acting Principal)

SOCIAL DISTANCING AT START AND END OF SCHOOL DAY

The first 2 weeks of 2020-21 academic year have been very exciting! MPA has welcomed staff members, children and young people safely back into school. It has been a joyful couple of weeks!

However, it has been brought to our attention that parents and carers are not following social distancing when bringing and collecting their children to/from the school.

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.

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 21st September:

Parents Evening by telephone 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 24th September:

Parents Evening by telephone 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday 21st October

Last day of term 1 for pupils

Thursday 22nd October

INSET day

Friday 23rd October

INSET day

Monday 2nd November

First day of Term 2 for pupils

PARENTS EVENINGS – WHAT TO EXPECT

The office will send out a letter next week asking for your preference of day and time slot.

Teachers will let you know the 30 minute slot they will aim to contact you.

Parents and carers will have 10 minutes to discuss how their child has settled in school.



THANK YOU FROM KINGWOOD COURT

We received the following message from Kingswood Court for the pictures the children sent in to them during lockdown.

"Thank you for being a friend. During the pandemic you have been brilliant. We are so grateful for your support to both our staff and residents."

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:

Nursery: Thursday 17th Sept — 11.15-11.45am

Reception: Thursday 24th Sept – 2.30-3pm

Year 1: Thursday 1st Oct – 2.30-3pm

In order to keep within health & safety guidelines, space is limited to 10. Please contact the school office to book your place – 0117 3772990 or 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.

YEAR GROUP WORDPRESS SITES

We plan to keep our class web pages regularly updated and include a page for weekly homework to reduce the amount of paper we use.

Please check your class page next **Friday, 18th September** for homework.

If you still need a paper copy, please let the class teacher know.

The address for each year group is:

eyfsminervaclf.wordpress.com
y1minervaclf.wordpress.com
y2minervaclf.wordpress.com
y3minervaclf.wordpress.com
y4minervaclf.wordpress.com
y5minervaclf.wordpress.com
y6minervaclf.wordpress.com

PE DAYS

Please can your child come into school in their PE Kit (Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt & black trainers) on their class days.

Year	Class	PE Day
1	Speedwell	Monday
1	Easton	Tuesday
2	Bedminster & Lawrence Hill	Friday
3	Filton & Redland	Tuesday
4	Clifton & Bishopston	Thursday
5	St George	Monday
6	Henbury & Westbury-on-Trym	Wednesday

'PRELOVED' UNIFORM

We have a small supply of second-hand school uniform.

Please telephone or email the school office and leave a message for Mrs Archer if you would like some in exchange for a voluntary donation.

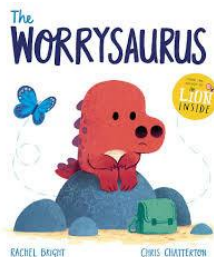
WRAP AROUND CLUB

Please give 48 hours (2 days) notice for all bookings & cancellations.

Payment to be made at the time of booking.

When you arrive at school to collect your child/ren please telephone 07557 851614.

MISS RODEN'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION-KEY STAGE 1



From the author of The Lion Inside, The

Worrysaurus tells the story of a little dinosaur who lets his worries get overwhelming.

It can be helpful if your own little Worrysaurus is feeling anxious so that they let go of their fears and feel happy in the moment.



We hope you have all been joining in this year's reading challenge over the summer. If not, it's not too late! Visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

There are lots of rewards you can earn on the website.

Have you read 6 books? Can you share the stories with your teacher? We can't wait to hear all about your books!

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

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