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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. What a fabulous week – it has been fantastic to have all the children back at Fir Tree this week! To hear the sounds of the playground and the classrooms buzzing, not to mention seeing so many smiley faces has been brilliant. Your children have been a credit to you this week settling back in to school so well.



Thank you to everybody for their incredible efforts since we returned from the Christmas holidays and for preparing your children to return to school. I know everyone has worked extremely hard to make the best of the situation we have faced and I hope the return to school has been welcomed by all. It has been lovely to see the children excited about seeing their friends and the adults in school again. Whilst workbooks completed throughout lockdown won't be marked, children can bring them in on Monday morning if they so desire.

There are a few reminders in particular - I'd like to highlight the need for parents to remain distanced from other parents/children when dropping off and collecting, which I hope everyone will adhere to, we would recommend that you wear a face covering during this time too to keep the whole school community safe. Thank you for your efforts with getting back in to the swing of things with timings, please ensure that if you have more than one child to drop off/collect then please remember that you should do this at the **earliest times** according to their timetables, i.e. if on the schedule one child comes in at 8:30am and leaves at 3:00pm, and the other comes in at 8:50am and leaves at 3:20pm - then both should come in at 8:30am and leave at 3:00pm. The exception to this is Nursery; the Nursery gate will be opened from 8:45am each morning. If you'd like to make these alternative arrangements for your children, please let the school office know by email.

It's really important that everyone sticks to the timetable and avoids being early or late as this can impact on everyone else trying to enter the site and can be detrimental to the mixing of 'bubbles'. We ask that you arrive no more than 5 minutes before your allocated timeslot and be ready at the correct gate at the right time. Please do not park in the school car park. You may be asked to move aside if you have arrived too early for collection so that we can dismiss classes fully before moving on to the next class, so please do look at the lines before you start queuing.

Whilst it's great we are all back, the need to follow these procedures is as important as ever in keeping us all safe and minimising future disruptions to learning. Please remember that just because children are back at school within their bubbles, this does not mean that they can start having play dates, sleepovers and meeting up outside of school. We are still in Phase 1 of the roadmap and the message is to still stay at home. It would be really disappointing to have to close bubbles and schools again because rules are not being adhered to outside of school.

From next Friday we will return to the fortnightly Friday newsletter and I look forward to sharing with you what's been going on in school.

As always thank you for all your support and understanding and again a huge well done to all the children this week. I wish all the Mum's out there a lovely Mother's Day on Sunday and hope that you are spoilt. Here's to a great term ahead!

Best wishes



Mrs L Wood

Associate Headteacher

Help keep each
 other safe
 Don't stand too close
 at the gates



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Just a gentle reminder that Red Nose Day is on **Friday 19th March** and this year it's never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives. We need the power of funny to turn laughs into lasting change. Funny can change things. It can connect us. It can be the difference.



At Fir Tree this year we will be having a sponsored 'Superhero' Challenge within our bubbles. I can now reveal each superpower and what the children will be doing!

Class	Superpower	Sponsored event/s
Nursery	Patience	Practicing Patience
Reception	Nature Detectives	Activities relating to nature
Year 1	Supersonic radar ears	Listening missions
Year 2	Agility	Being active each hour of the day and an assault course
Year 3	Creativity	Will create an entire Roman Village in a day
Year 4	Teamwork	Problem solving and a team quiz
Year 5	Innovation	A class art collaboration
Year 6	SuperCitizens	Activity Challenge

We will be asking for donations towards Comic Relief by sponsoring your child to take part in the events above and showcasing their class superpower. This donation is to be made via ParentPay, thank you.

Children may wear red to school if they so wish!

Please make your donation by clicking the link: [Comic Relief at Fir Tree](#)