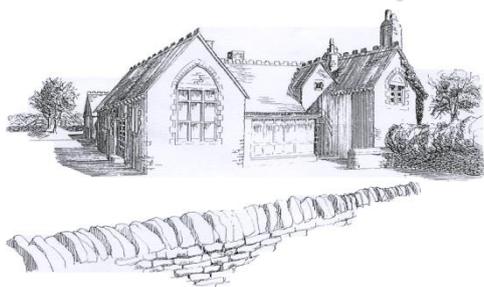


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A Message from the Co-Heads

A particularly warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us this year. The children have made a fantastic start and are clearly delighted to be back with their friends. I can't tell you how lovely it is to have everyone back at school. Although we had children here throughout lockdown, it always felt strange with the school so empty.

Ruby children have made a truly fantastic start this year. I have never seen a group so settled by day 5! When you think many of the children have had a curtailed nursery education, this really is fabulous. We have been amazed at how well the children have returned and although there have been some understandable nerves and anxiety, overall, it has been an incredibly happy and relaxed return to school. We do anticipate that children will have ups and downs about school over the next few weeks but if school and home remain positive and healthy routines are in place, these will settle. I really appreciate how flexible you have all been over the pick-up and drop-off situation.

Our work over the last 2 weeks has been all about deciding upon our priorities for the year. I am currently translating that into our school development plan, the headlines of which I will share with you in the next newsletter. Together as a staff, we have planned lots of exciting awareness days so look out for Black History Month, National Earth Day and Mental Health Awareness Week.

We recognise that our children have had a unique experience of and response to the events of this year. The whole school have been working on the text 'We are here' by Oliver Jeffers. We hope this will support children to re-connect with other and help them to make sense of the world and their role in it. Whilst classes have been doing different work based on the book, we also wanted to do something as a whole school community whilst we come back together again in these first weeks. I hope your children are enjoying the book!

Lovely to see you all again,

Mrs Rogers

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Weavers who married last Friday. She will now be known as Mrs Brown. Here's to a happy and long future together.

End of Day Routine & Temperature Checks

The end of the day collection is still not fluid and we are concerned about minimising parental groups, we therefore ask that you all follow the queuing system below. Ruby and Diamond will be brought out to the front gate at 2.55, Sapphire and Topaz will follow at 3pm. Please follow this routine to ensure a smooth handover.

- Ruby class – parents are asked to queue on the LH side of the gate going back towards the Lorry Park. The children will be handed over in the order of the parent queue. Parents are then respectfully asked to leave the site as soon as possible or re-join their sibling queue.
- Diamond Class – parents are asked to queue on the RH side of the gate going back towards the Tavern. Again, the children will be handed over in the order of the parent queue.
- Sapphire Class – parents are asked to queue on the LH side of the gate going back towards the Lorry Park; the children will be handed over in the order of the parent queue.
- Topaz Class – parents are asked to queue on the RH side of the gate going back towards the Tavern; the children will be handed over in the order of the parent queue.

From Monday 21st September temperature checks will be taken if a child is feeling unwell; this process will be kept under review. Following County advice, we are not using whole school testing on arrival at school approach at this time however; this may change subject to DfE regulations.

Staffing Update

We would like to welcome two new members of staff to our team. Mrs Schleicher, a qualified teacher, who will provide extra TA support in Topaz class and Mrs Harris will join our Extended Services team. Both have plenty of experience and will start on Monday 21st September.

THANK YOU

As a small school with a small budget, we rely on the generosity of others. We do not have a caretaker or a grounds team and so we depend on staff or Mrs K's husband!

Our thanks must go to Family Tulloch and Family Hawkins who gave their time over the holidays to weed, tidy and clear the school grounds. We really do appreciate your efforts.

Ruby Class

We have all settled in really well to our new school, class and routine. The weather has been so nice this week that we have been able to have our snack outside in the willow den.



We have been learning the Clanfield rules and are now really good at tidying up each activity when we have finished.

We have been taking photos of each other and drawing pictures of ourselves.

After a discussion about

pets a member of our class brought in a photo of his Dog if you have a pet we would love to have a photo to put on our pet window.

Miss Williams and Mrs Newell.



Diamond Class



I am so impressed with how Diamond Class have settled and responded to the new changes and the expectations. They are collaborating within our bubble and are happy to be back with their friends. We have a more formal, structured morning where we work on Phonics, Literacy and Maths and the afternoons are spent exploring the outside classroom and exploring other areas of the curriculum. I have attached a number of photos to prove that the children are happy, settled and enjoying their time in our Diamond Class bubble!

Miss Thomas



Sapphire Class



Sapphire class have had a great start to the term. Things are a little different, but we are all adjusting very well. One of our focus' have been and will continue to be how to look after our own mental wellbeing and that of others. We have come up with lots of great ideas and



suggestions of how to keep mentally healthy, these include mindfulness (your children should be able to tell you what this means) activities, physical exercise, talking to friends, our family or someone we trust at school. We have also started our science topic and so far, we have experimented with geysers and compared particles of a solid, a liquid and a gas. In PE with Miss Davies we have worked on our dribbling skills, showing her how to dribble outside with a football rather than down her chin!

Miss Davies



Topaz Class

Gusts of warm air,
up in the dunes,
with a cosy campfire
and maybe a snooze.

Hiking in hills with beautiful views,
and watching the crashing waves,
and the café's big queues.

Out in the sea,
we watched the seals dive,
they twist and they turn
and that's their way of life.

Surfing is fun,
when you're catching waves
yet surfings still fun
when you wipeout all day.

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up in the dunes,
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By Will

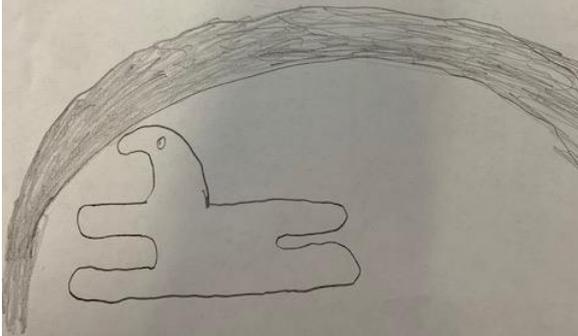
Wow! What a fabulous start to the term we have had from our new Topaz cohort. Mrs Heaslip and I have been incredibly impressed with the attitude to learning that you have returned with. The children have produced some excellent work including: poetry; letters to their local MP; boat-themed dance and an introduction to French - we have truly hit the ground running! The whole School have based the first two weeks of term on the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers and the children have enjoyed exploring the themes and ideas more deeply; especially the environmental effects of lockdown. In Maths, the children have revisited place value and extended this to numbers to 1,000,000. Thank you for your support as we have adjusted to life back in School with all of the extra regulations and routines. The children have been incredible and it is a testament to the supportive atmosphere and conversations at home. We appreciate it and we are incredibly proud of Team Topaz!

Dr Wallis and Mrs Heaslip

Here we are

When you arrive you can smell the amazing green grass.
The Land is beautiful as the sea.
The amazing white horse sits there older than medieval history
I sit sometime's in front of the hungry grey sheep
The wonderful cows producing milk for us to drink.
The hill as big as can be.
I will never forget the white horse hill.

by Ben



Here We Are

A room made for living in,
a room made for lounge.

The silky sofa,
the soothing couch,
neatly placed to sit.

The stuffy carpet absorbs you like sinking sand,
as you binge through Game Of Thrones,
the shimmering light of the TV
brightens up your days
like the sun shining down on a hot summers day.

A heart-warming guitar
I love to play,
strumming along to Wonderwall,
all night and all day,
my family members start to join in,
soon we've got a choir
and for the grand finale,
I play my own songs
even the statues join in.

By Harley

COMING SOON

Look out for WOW notes coming home soon.

Dates for your diary

Parents evening (Telephone appointments)	w/c 12 th October
Harvest festival (Video performance)	End of Sept/October (Date TBC)
Children in need	13 th November
Christmas Performances Ruby/Diamond (Video performances)	W/c 7 th December
Sapphire/Topaz (Video performances)	w/c 14 th December
Shoe boxes	Parents can drop in from 1 st to 11 th Dec
Red nose day	19 th March 2021
Easter service	29 th March 2021
Sports Day	2 nd July 2021

Celebrations/Awareness Days

September	National TA Day
October	Black History Month + National Bullying Prevention Month
November	Outdoor Classroom Day + Remembrance Day
February	E-Safety Week
March	World Book Day (dress up day) + International Women's Day
April	National Awareness day - Autism + National Earth Day
May	International Space Day
June	World Ocean's Day + Forces Day