**NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020**

*Dear parents/carer’s*

*We are so delighted to be back with you all in Sticky Fish this term! It has been a very hard few months for everyone, which has made our reopening an even happier one than usual. We have been amazed at how well all the children have adapted and settled in to starting or coming back to Sticky Fish. Children are so flexible and resilient aren’t they!! We would like to give an extra special welcome to all the new parents and children who have joined us this term, to Wren, Imogen, Louis, Maddy, and Samuel. It is really fantastic to have you all here at Sticky Fish.*

***WEATHER CHANGES***

*The weather looks set to be very variable, so please do ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for any particular day. Sunhats and sun cream are necessary for the hot weather. Water resistant coats for when its raining, and a warm coat for when it turns cold. Named wellies are also essential for when the weather turns wetter. Always keep a spare set of clean clothes in their named bags please. We do have plenty of the purple T shirts and sweatshirts with our logo on for you to purchase at £4 per item.*

***CORE STORY***

*This week we have been focusing on one of our core stories, Dear Zoo. It has been great to hear the children join in with the repeated refrain which occurs through the story, and to hear them joining in with all the animal sounds!! We will have a new core story which we focus on every fortnight.*

***CLASS DOJO***

*I hope by now you will all have seen the invite I sent you to join “Class Dojo”. This is a brand-new form of communication for us all, from this term. It is easy to navigate round, especially if you download the App on to your phone. You should then see notifications of messages sent by us. This could be on “class story” which every parent can see, or privately on a message to just you individually, which no other parent sees. We would like to use this to send photos of children in their play, or videos. This is a safe way of sharing what goes on at sticky fish. Only Sticky Fish parents/carer’s and staff are part of this communication. We do need to have your permission to share photos of your child on this App please. Please do speak to me, or another member of staff to discuss this. I will, still be communicating with you by email, and text.*

***RADI’S GROUP***

*Most mornings between 9 and 12, Radi, (mum to Chris) who is the children/family worker for the church, is holding coffee mornings in the Youth hall. It is a large room, with space for distancing. You are very welcome to pop in there to chat with Radi and other parents for any amount of time you would like.*

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***RISK ASSESSMENT***

*I have made some minor updates to the Covid risk assessment which I attach for your information.*

***TERM DATES***

***TERM 1 MON SEPT 7TH – FRI OCT 23RD 2020***

***TERM 2 MON NOV 2ND – FRI DEC 18TH 2020***

***TERM 3 MON JAN 4TH - FRI FEB 12TH 2021***

***TERM 4 MON FEB 22ND - THURS APRIL 1ST 2021***

***TERM 5 MON APRIL 19TH – FRI MAY 28TH 2021***

***TERM 6******MON JUNE 7TH - WED JULY 21ST 2021***

***PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE 5 INSET DAYS YET TO BE ARRANGED, WHERE STICKY FISH WILL BE CLOSED. We will let you know as soon as we can.***

***Best wishes***

***Liz and the team***