



Summer Term 1 – May 2021 Newsletter (Issue Number 39)
 Summer Term - Half-term – Friday 28th May 2021
Summer Term 2 – Pupils Back to School – Monday 7th June 2021
 END OF SUMMER TERM - Thursday 22nd July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has flown by! Speaking to children up and down the corridor, they all state that they've been very pleased to be back at school. This positive attitude has served both them and us well as we've been able to hit the ground running with all the gaps in knowledge and skills due to the length of time at home as a result of the lockdown.

Wherever possible, working within the constraints of Covid-19 best practice, we've tried our best to emulate our provision, as would have been the case without covid-19. For example, sports has continued with the support of our external provider. Although we shall have a Sports Day this year, unfortunately, we will not be able to welcome an audience for obvious reasons; I know this will be disappointing but I do hope you'll appreciate our position on this matter.

If there are any changes for September 2021 for the school start and end of the school day, I shall inform you in the Summer Term 2 newsletter. Until the end of this academic year, 22nd July, the school times remain the same as per below:

Year Group/Bubble	Start Time	End Time	Pick-up Location
Year 5/6	8.50am	2.40pm	From current areas
Year 3/4	9.00am	2.50pm	
Year 1/2	9.00am	2.50pm	
FS2	9.00 am	2.40pm	
FS1	9.00 am	12.00pm	

Parents Meetings

We conducted our parents/carers meetings via telephone conversations during this first Summer Term. Thank you for your time and accommodating this method of a 'meeting'. The next one will be towards the end of Summer Term 2 after you have received your child/ren's report. With this last meeting of the year, it'll only be if you request a meeting and focused on discussing the report. All information will be with the report.

Staff Update

1. We have three staff members welcoming babies in 2021 and we congratulate and celebrate with them:
 - Miss Holland in Year 1
 - Miss Turtle in Year 4
 - Mrs Chowdhury in Year 6.

Our current plans to cover their absences will be with Supply teachers. Please do not be alarmed if your child is in a class with a Supply teacher. We work closely with a particular agency who do their best to match suitable candidates with us. Whilst here, we offer support to ensure that the teaching and care of our pupils meets our standards.

2. We say farewell to Mrs Austin, one of our most experienced and long serving Learning Assistants. Mrs Austin first started working for the junior school. She has dedicated over twenty years to us! I credit our pupils' love of French to her. She has great expertise in this subject and has supported our curriculum with enhancing this provision. We are truly sorry to see her leave but as the saying goes, 'all good things must come to an end!' On this note, thank you and all the best for a relaxing retirement, Mrs Austin.

3. Mrs Mcilwee (FS2 – Reception) and Mrs Dyszy (Year 5) both had baby boys. We have been very honoured to see both boys who are growing up very fast.

PE Days for Summer Term

During Summer Term 2, we have planned a *Tokyo Olympic Sports Day* on **Thursday 17th June**. This will be a fun-filled day, where children can compete in Olympic style events, safely in their bubbles. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 current restrictions, parents/carers **will not** be allowed to attend this year's event. The event will be held by outside providers, who follow all Covid Health and Safety requirements.

We also have a '*Euro Football Festival*', on **Thursday 29th June**. This too will be held by outside providers, who follow all Covid Health and Safety requirements. Again, this will be a closed event and thus unfortunately, no parents/cares will be accommodated.

Full PE Kit is to be worn by **all pupils** on the days stated above. Please ensure footwear is suitable for outdoor activities (trainers preferable).

Summer 2 PE Lesson Timetable:

SUMMER TERM 2	
DAY	YEAR GROUP
Monday	Year 6 (pm)
Tuesday	FS2 (am) Year 4 (pm)
Wednesday	Year 3 (pm)
Thursday	Year 1 (am) Year 2 (pm) 5F Swimming (pm)
Friday	Year 1 Year 2 (pm) – additional PE unit 5S Swimming (pm)

Diary Dates:

School Dates		
Term	Dates	Activity
2021		
Summer	28 th May	Half-term
	7 th June	Pupils Back
	22 nd July	End of Term

Sincere thanks for your continued support and I wish you all a restful half-term,
Mrs Thorpe