



Summer Term 2 – July 2021 Newsletter (Issue Number 40)
END OF SUMMER TERM - Thursday 22nd July 2021
Autumn Term 1 – Pupils Back to School – Thursday 2nd September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've now reached the end of another academic year! How we've managed this, with all the challenges we've faced, can only be down to the sheer dedication of committed staff, governors, supportive family members and children who have walked into school happy to be here every day! All I can say is a very, very big thank you to you all.

We are leaving school this end of term, not knowing what September will be like in this 'new' way of working and living. As we vacate today, I'm not privy to any new guidance to supersede what we already know. However, the start and end times from September will return to our pre-covid arrangements. We will allow a grace of 10 minutes so there is a gradual flow of adults and children on to our premises and into the school building. Gates will open at **8.45am**, children will begin to enter the school building between **8.50am and 9am**. These are as per below:

The School Day					
Nursery					
8.45am to 11.45 am = 3 hours					
FS2 and Key Stage 1			Key Stage 2		
Start	8.50am to 9am		Start	8.50am to 9am	
Morning Break	10.45am to 11.00am	15 minutes	Morning Break	10.30am to 10:45am (Y3/4) 11:00am to 11:15am (Y5/6)	15 minutes
Lunch	45 minutes		Lunch	45 minutes	
School Ends	3.00pm		School Ends	3.00pm	

Sports Day

Sadly, for yet another year running, we were unable to welcome you to Sports Day. However, the children didn't miss out! We tied this in with international sports by linking this to the Tokyo Olympics. All the children had a great day supported very well by staff and our external providers, Premier Sport and Get Ahead – thank you all.

Here is a short report from the PE Leads:

On Thursday 17th June, the whole school took part in a Tokyo Olympics themed sports day delivered by Premier Sport. Despite the extremely poor weather, the children demonstrated great enthusiasm and high spirits towards the events. They had the opportunity to take part in: Javelin, Archery, Tennis, Shooting and Boccia. All of the children tried their very best, as the points they earned were for their country (house team). The winning country was: Japan (Shipton), which was announced at the exciting closing ceremony. It was a memorable day for all!

On Tuesday 29th June, the whole school took part in the 'Euro football festival' delivered by Get Ahead. The children all had a chance to practise their skills during skills activities, before taking part in 5-a-side matches and a penalty shoot! It was another memorable day for the children, filled with celebrations, smiles and lots of fun!

Breakfast Club and After-school Clubs

We rely on the goodwill of staff to enable these to take place and are currently looking into how to get these back up and running. As soon as we have an update, we will let you know.

Staff Update

Please note that the 2021/22 teachers can be found on the school's website under 'About Us' – 'Staff'.

Other staff news:

1. Congratulations to Mrs Simpson (Nursery teacher) who had a baby girl in June.
2. Miss Holland (Year 1) will be on maternity leave when we return in September.
3. Mrs Chowdhury (Year 6) will begin maternity leave sometime during the Autumn Term.
4. Miss Turtle (Year 4) will begin maternity leave sometime during the Autumn Term.
5. Miss Corney will continue to work with us throughout this academic year.
6. We welcome Mrs Dyszy back to our team.
7. We say farewell to Mrs Otter and Mrs Austin, both very experienced and long serving Learning Assistants. Both have dedicated over twenty years to our community! I credit our pupils' love of French to Mrs Austin. She has great expertise in this subject and has supported our curriculum with enhancing this provision. Mrs Otter has been a great counsellor for so many of our pupils; being an active listener, offering empathy and strategies to cope with challenges in a safe, confidential environment. We are truly sorry to see both staff 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 and Mrs Otter.
8. During the Autumn Term we will welcome two new teachers to our school who will support us with the maternity cover.

CONGRATULATIONS

It is with great pleasure that I announce to you that we have appointed both Mrs Fanthorpe and Miss Mawson as the new Deputy Headteachers at this school. So as from September, we will have two deputies in post in a shared role. Both staff are highly trained and experienced at a senior leadership level and will transition seamlessly to their new positions. Miss Mawson started her teaching career in 2006 at the junior school. Miss Fanthorpe started at the infant school in 2010. Both are outstanding teachers who are truly committed to our children and the community at large and understand our school and its context exceptionally well.

Apart from deputising on my behalf, Mrs Fanthorpe's main remit will be Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEND) and Behaviour Management. Supporting her closely are Mrs Hemstock with Safeguarding and Behaviour Management and Miss Sutherland with SEND aspects.

Apart from deputising on my behalf, Miss Mawson's main remit will be teaching, learning including assessment and overseeing the curriculum at large.

Although with their specific areas of responsibilities, they will have a shared aim of deputising and thus will from time to time cross-over into each other's areas when a situation presents as requiring this.

Lunchtimes

FS2 and KS1 will resume having their lunch in the Hall from September. Lunch will be served on a plate (not a box) with the correct cutlery. We will gradually phase in the remaining year groups to re-join in the hall after we have settled FS2 and KS1 into this routine. This means that KS2 will remain in the classrooms for their meals until further notice.

Feel Good Fridays

These will continue in September.

PE days 2021 to 2022

Children should come to school in their **PE uniform** on their PE days but this kit **must** be the school PE kit colours (black shorts, a plain white T-shirt, trainers and a jumper/joggers in colder weather).

If children are not wearing the correct kit (i.e. pink tops, T-shirts with cartoon characters, logos other than the school's etc), parents/carers will be contacted and asked to bring in the correct kit, or they must bring in their formal school uniform, to get changed into. PE kit/uniform requirements are also outlined on the school's website.

Autumn 1		Autumn 2
Monday	5G - swimming Y4	5G swimming Y6
Tuesday	Y3	Y2
Wednesday	5S - swimming FS2	5S swimming FS2
Thursday PS	Y1 & Y2	Y3 & Y4
Friday	Y6	Y1

Spring 1		Spring 2
Monday	Y4	Y1
Tuesday	Y1	Y6
Wednesday	Y2 & Y5	FS2 & Y2
Thursday PS	FS2 & Y6	Y4 & 5
Friday	Y3	Y3

Summer 1		Summer 2
Monday	FS2	FS2
Tuesday	Y1	Y6
Wednesday	4C swimming Y5	4C swimming Y5
Thursday PS	4T swimming Y3 & 6	4T swimming Y1 & 2
Friday	Y2	Y3

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School Dates		
Term	Dates	Activity
2021		
Autumn	Thurs 2nd September	Pupils Back
	Friday 22nd October	Half-term
	Monday 1st November	Pupils Back
	Thursday 16th December	End of Term
	Friday 17th December	Staff Training Day
Spring	Monday 3rd January	Staff Training Day
	Tuesday 4th January	Staff Training Day
	Wednesday 5th January	Pupils Back
	Friday 11th February	Half-term
	Monday 21st February	Pupils Back
	Friday 1st April	End of Term
Summer	Tuesday 19th April	Staff Training Day
	Wednesday 20th April	Pupils Back
	Monday 2nd May	CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
	Friday 27th May	Half-term
	Monday 6th June	Pupils Back
	Wednesday 20th July	End of Term – Queen’s Jubilee Date given to school

Sincere thanks for your continued support and I wish you all an enjoyable summer holiday,
Mrs Thorpe