



28<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
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Dear Families and Board Members,

Well another half term has passed!! We cannot believe that we are so close to the end of yet another academic year. Let's hope the next is a little smoother!

### **Breakfast Club**

We are not making any major changes for September as we cannot begin to predict what the six week break will bring and we do not want to make changes that we will have to go back on. However, we are hopeful that we will be able to offer breakfast club again when we return.

This will start back up from 13<sup>th</sup> September and will be open from 8.15 as it has been previously (the finer details will be communicated during our first week back in September when we have updated our Covid risk assessments to reflect the local and National picture).

Breakfast club will be available to any child in receipt of free school meals. We will also be offering a limited number of places to children whose parents need to use the facility for work purposes. **Unfortunately we have to put a limit on the number of children attending for health and safety reasons.** You can choose to send your child to breakfast club across the whole week or on some days. Places will need to be booked in advance and a new booking form will be available on our school website (with instructions) when we return after half term.

We are hopeful that breakfast club will be able to run from September, but will advise in the first week back if Government restrictions are imposed that prevent this.

Information about drop off/collection and start/finish times etc. will be sent home in July.

### **COVID19**

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break, particularly now that restrictions have been eased further and we all have the option to do more! Hopefully we will all be well during the break. Should your child become unwell during the

break with Covid symptoms, our usual reporting arrangements apply. If you are arranging a PCR test up to 3pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>, please email our Covid address. If your child becomes unwell after this point, please contact the school office as usual on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Swimming**

Year 3 and 4 will have swimming lessons at Elswick pool next year. We will also be arranging booster swimming sessions for our year 6 pupils (current year 5) before they leave us to go to secondary school. The expectation is that a child should be able to swim 25metres unaided by the time the leave year 6. If your child is in year 5 and they cannot yet swim 25metres, please contact Miss Ward via class dojo to let her know (or the school office if you are not signed up to class dojo). You will be notified of arrangements for your child's lessons in due course. Thank you.



### **Attendance**

Our attendance figures this week are as follows:-

We have noticed that our attendance figures on Fridays are lower than any other day (particularly the Friday before a school holiday). Please can we urge you to send your child to school every day unless they are too ill to be here? The children have literacy and numeracy lessons every day as well as other subjects and Friday lessons are part of a sequence. It is very difficult for children to catch up on missed learning and they have already had so much disruption to their learning over this and last academic year. Thank you for your support.

Nursery – 89.9%  
Reception – 88.9%  
Year 1 – 96.4%  
Year 2 – 94.6%  
Year 3 – 94.3%  
Year 4 – 97.5%  
Year 5 – 93.7%  
Year 6 – 91.8%

### **KEY DATES**

7<sup>th</sup> Jun – Return after half term break

Kindest Regards  
Mrs A. Oliver  
Head Teacher