



16th July 2021
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Dear Families and Board Members,

What a year this has been! I definitely think that we are all ready for our much needed and deserved summer break.

I want to thank you all for your patience and support throughout such a challenging academic year. We could not have got through it without our amazing pupils, supportive parents and an amazing team. It is a wonderful feeling ending the term knowing that next year will feel very different for us all.

You received a letter this week about arrangements up to the end of term. Although not set in stone, you will find our plans for September below.

September

We will no longer be operating staggered start and finish times and will revert back to our original start and finish times of 8.50am and 3pm. Arrangements for nursery and reception are slightly different at first and have been communicated with parents already.

We will be keeping our barrier system in place. Children will continue to leave their parents at the barrier opening (or enter the school premises alone) and will be handed over to the barriers at the end of the day.

We hope that children across school will be able to mix again from September but our timetabling in school will allow us to keep children in bubbles should the need arise.

Additional cleaning staff and hygiene measures will remain in place.

Breakfast club should be able to run from 13th September as planned. Thank you to all of you that have booked your child's place. You will receive final instructions about this when we return in September.

We will still be requesting that parents only come into school if this has been pre-arranged. However,

we are looking forward to being able to welcome parents back into school again. We have a programme of events that we hope to be able to share with you upon our return.

Some Highlights

Transition

The children and staff all had a lovely afternoon on Monday when the children moved up to their new classes. We also welcomed our new nursery and reception children last week. Those that will be joining us in September came in to visit the EY setting after school last week. We are all looking forward to getting to know them.

Young Enterprise

Some of our children have been working together after school on the 'Make £5 grow project'. We have had 3 teams in competition with each other, baking muffins, organizing a movie morning and washing staff cars!! They have all been working so hard to make as much profit as possible and we are looking forward to seeing which the winning team is.



End of Year Experiences

Every class has or will be having an end of term treat. Some have visited the park, some are having a party or carnival and our year 6 pupils are very fortunate to have been able to go on their outward bound residential this week. They certainly deserve to be spoilt this year!



Clean Air Day

All classes took part in a Clean Air Day assembly where they learnt about air pollution and how to reduce this. They all made pledges and are looking

forward to following these and improving the air in our local environment! Classes will share their pledges on the school website.

Healthy Packed Lunches

Our school councilors have been working on creating a set of healthy packed lunch guidelines which are easy to understand for all classes from Y3 - Y6. We are going to display these in the hall alongside healthy packed lunch ideas designed by the children. You will find a copy of these guidelines attached to the newsletter.



Attendance

Our attendance figures this week are as follows:-

Nursery – 94.2%

Reception – 83.3%

Year 1 – 91.4%

Year 2 – 89.3%

Year 3 – 94.9%

Year 4 – 93.4%

Year 5 – 95.8%

Year 6 – 89.1%

KEY DATES

19th July – Sport Week

19th July – Year 2 Pirate party

22nd July – Year 3 Carnival

23rd July – Break up for Summer – 1.15/1.30pm
finish

6th / 7th Sept – Teacher Training Day

8th Sept – Children return to school

Kindest Regards
Mrs A. Oliver
Head Teacher